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IS SAM THE SAVIOUR?

Kingston City Turns To Elmazi In Relegation Dogfight

Should Sam Elmazi save State One struggler Kingston City from relegation it would be the basis of a screenplay to rival that of The Great Escape. Perhaps Steven Spielberg and George Lucas could buy the rights to the storyline and turn it into a billion-dollar movie franchise.

Not that Elmazi promised the club committee that he'd save them before taking on the daunting task of senior coach a fortnight back.

"I don't make those sorts of promises to committees," said the 42-year-old. "The only promise I make is that one day I'll either walk away or they'll sack me. Coaches should never promise anything else.

"Kingston chased me for about a week and I was asked if I had the balls to do this job so I took it on. I love a challenge. You've got to remember that these guys virtually had no coach for weeks and it was left to players and the committee to run the team.

"I'm a strong believer in organisation and that's what these players need. It's my job to bring that to the club."

And that's not all he plans to bring to the club. When the transfer window opens (4 June) he'll likely sign two Premier League players as well as former Oakleigh player and Fijian international Veresa Toma from Doveton, his brother Viliame (also a Fijian international) and Esala Masi's brother Manoa (yet another Fijian international). Elmazi has already arranged a sponsor to cover the cost of two of these captures.

So does that mean that he'll axe four or five current senior squad members? "No, we won't be releasing players. There are a lot of under-16s in the reserves so there's a fair bit of room to manoeuvre. I'm also going to hunt down some juniors currently playing in Super League sides and we'll build another team for Kingston over the next year or so. It'll take time but we'll get there."

Elmazi's first game in charge of Kingston's senior side was the club's 2–1 away loss to St Albans in Round 7 albeit that he hadn't even held a training session. He then held two sessions leading into last Friday night's clash at Grange Reserve against Keilor Park and he could sense how switched-on his players were.

"The boys did well against St Albans for about 70 minutes. I gave them a light run the first training session as it was more about getting to know each other but the next session I put them through their paces and they knew they had a coach in charge again. They responded really well and you could see how keen they were. They were really on a high."

The players certainly knew who was in charge before the Keilor Park game as Elmazi's prematch address was intense to say the least. Rest assured that Kingston's senior players will not have mobile phones switched on again when Elmazi is delivering a blunt assessment of what he requires from them.

And when the final whistle blew last Friday Elmazi's men had won their second game of the season, the 1–0 victory anchoring Keilor Park to the foot of the table. More importantly, the players regained much-needed confidence and the gauntlet had been thrown down in front of other relegation candidates.

It may be hard to believe but Elmazi has been a certificated coach for over 30 years. He gained his first coaching badge at the tender age of 11 and immediately became player-coach of an under-12 outfit. "My first coaching course was conducted through Australian Soccer Camps run by Johnny Warren and Rale Rasic and I've still got photos with them presenting me with my coaching certificate."

Elmazi is a Macedonian-born Albanian who came to Australia in 1969. He played as a striker with Dandenong City juniors and played in that club's under-18 Super League outfit alongside Socceroo legend Paul Wade.

Preston Makedonia coach Andon Doncevski watched Elmazi score a hat-trick against Diamond Valley and signed him for the Connor Reserve club in the 1980s but that stint didn't last much longer than an Ampol Cup sortie. Elmazi returned to Dandenong City and when South Dandenong (now Dandenong Thunder) was formed he jumped at the chance of playing for an Albanian-backed club.

He played for South Dandenong as it progressed from the Provisional to the State Leagues but a severe groin injury ended his career when South Dandenong was in State Two. That was when he concentrated on being an administrator and a coach, the latter role seeing him taking an under-10 outfit through the system and developing senior players of the quality of Veton Karcarevski, Ibraim Ibraimi and Xhezair Sulemani.

As South Dandenong developed into one of the powerful clubs in Victorian football it attracted bigger names to both its coaching and playing staff. One of those names on the coaching front was Bobby McLachlan who had a profound effect on Elmazi's coaching career.

"What I am in football and who I am in football is thanks to Bobby McLachlan. I'd be a nothing in the game if it wasn't for him. When I decided to take on coaching on a full-time basis I coached at Ivanhoe Grammar, was involved in VSF clinics and did two years with special schools. McLachlan gave me all this work."

That was not long after he'd confronted marital problems and had what he still considers "the best month of my life" as team manager of the Kuwaiti national side at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, a job McLachlan recommended him for.

"That job just fell into my lap. I think one of their people got sick on the way over here so I was asked if I could take over the role, which was $5000 for a month's work. I was a bit nervous at first but in the end it turned out to be the best experience of my life. I had to organise their lunches, dinners, sleeping and training schedules and a closed-doors game against Australia at Olympic Park.

"They had a Yugoslav coach and I spoke a little Yugoslav so we were able to communicate okay. When the Olympics finished they offered to take me to Kuwait where they were preparing for the Asian Cup but I was having serious marital problems back then and I couldn't go."

So, would he take up the offer if it landed in his lap a second time? "You bet I would. I'm a single man now so I'd jump at the chance."

Kingston snapped up Elmazi after he ended a successful stint with Doveton a few weeks ago. He guided the Waratah Reserve club to the 2006 Provisional One South-East championship and last year the Doves finished third in State Three South-East. Elmazi recruited well for this season, one of his signings being former National League star Brian MacNicol, fresh from sharing the 2007 State One Player of the Year award with Clifford Tuck. What then prompted his departure from Doveton?

"I wanted to get rid of four players. I told the committee but suddenly everyone went quiet about it and no-one got back to me. I knew then that I'd stayed too long and that it was time to leave."

You could say that Elmazi is a complete football tragic. You'll see him at a variety of games over the weekend and he'll be talking about this player moving and that player moving. He can even name match fees, transfer fees and often knows the real story behind the switch. After our first meeting last year I was convinced that he was a player agent.

"No way, mate. I'm not into that side of it. I've got my coaching badge (a FIFA B badge) and I'd love to get my A badge but I think you've got to go to France to get that so we'll put it on the backburner for a bit."

On the backburner indeed. First there's a small matter of a minor miracle to be worked at Kingston City but at least this is not the first time he's been confronted by having to mount a difficult rescue mission.

Back in 2001, Elmazi took on the Dandenong Thunder senior job with the club languishing at the foot of the Premier League ladder with just one point to its name. By season's end, Elmazi had failed to save it from the drop but it was a glorious failure in every respect. He'd guided Thunder to 27 points, the largest total thus far of any side to get relegated. Kingston City officials and supporters will be praying that Elmazi can go one better this time round.

New Kingston coach Sam Elmazi lays down the law in the dressing rooms before last Friday's 1–0 win over Keilor Park at Grange Reserve.

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James Robinson in Richmond Eagles colours before making history with Victory.

Sydney's Dwight Yorke with the inaugural A-league title.

Box Hill Inter makes it five WPL titles in a row in 2006.

GW brings you all the latest weekend football action. Cannons' Michael Turnball makes a spectacular save.

Believe it or not, Goal! Weekly has now published over 100 editions. The milestone was actually surpassed somewhat unnoticed a fortnight ago with this year's Issue 12. Oakleigh's Adrian Cagalj is on the front cover and the headline reads "Shot Stopper" - referring to the Cannons 'keeper saving a last minute penalty against Altona Magic to secure a 2-1 win in a recent Foxtel Cup tie. The edition you're reading now is officially number 103.

The very first edition of GW rolled off the press in February 2005 and was available at newsstands across Victoria for $2. The initial intention was for the newspaper to be available to football fans free of charge, with a combination of advertising and sponsorship to cover costs.

Victorian football clubs can also subscribe to the publication and have their own batch delivered to their ground every Monday.

The very first clubs to subscribe to GW were Warragul United, Eastern Lions, Knox City, Green Gully Cavaliers and Richmond Eagles.

GW is essentially put together by volunteers. A combination of aspiring journalists, photographers, writers, football fans and many, many talented people who contribute their skills for the benefit of grass-roots football.

For its first season, Goal! Weekly ran 30 editions and was available on Wednesdays, covering predominately the Victorian Premier League (then known as the Vodafone Cup).

By the end of the season it was apparent that fans were thirsty for the local weekend football news to be available on Mondays, and from season 2006 GW adhered to the idea.

Considering the demands of the new deadline and the lack of infrastructure within the infant organization, it was a huge task to tackle at the time.

During the off-season laptops were invested in, instructions briefed, press box telephone lines checked well in advance at VPL grounds, watches synchronized and a few Hail Mary's said. In a weekend where adrenalin levels hit record highs, the team at GW successfully delivered its first Monday edition on February 5th 2006.

The issue also included a feature on former Melbourne Hungaria, Caulfield City and Heidelberg United player, Louis Mandylor, who played the brother "Nick" in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and was now making it in Los Angeles as an actor. The headline read "From Heidelberg To Hollywood".

Now in its fourth year, GW boasts a readership of approximately 4,000 per week but still relies heavily on sponsorship and voluntary contributions for content.

Apart from attempting to fill the vaccum that exists in print coverage for grass-roots football in Victoria, GW also provides the opportunity for people with an interest in football and journalism, to gain worthwhile experience in the media field.

There is no doubt that without the loyalty of our readers, the support of our sponsors and advertisers, and the dedication of our contributors, this 'paper would cease to exist.

The common denominator in the equation is that, for better or for worse, we're basically all just mad football fans.

Like many kids growing up in Melbourne in the 70s and 80s I was an avid reader of "Soccer Action" and could hardly wait to get my hands on a copy on Wednesdays.

As an eighteen year old I answered an advert in "Soccer Star" seeking a match reporter's position. To my surprise I got the job. For the next year and a half until it folded I had the privilege of working for Les Shorrock. Les was the publisher and editor of "Soccer Star" and a soccer photographer for "The Age". He was also an invaluable member of "Soccer Action". It was one of the best jobs I've ever had and I can honestly say, that a considerable amount of what goes on behind the scenes here at GW is thanks to the advice and direction Les gave me during my time at "Soccer Star".

The concept of GW is essentially based upon past publications like the legendary "Soccer Action" and "Soccer Star". The view was to create a weekly alternative football forum that would carry the complete weekend Victorian football results from senior level to junior level on a consistent basis.

The proposal for GW was first pitched to the then CEO of the Football Federation of Victoria, Damien Bowen, at FFV headquarters in Dorcas St, South Melbourne, but shortly afterwards Bowen vacated the seat and was replaced by Tony Pignata.

The idea eventually became a reality after a meeting was arranged with Pignata some months later, who enthusiastically agreed to back the proposal almost immediately.

For the first two years of its operation the majority of GW's sponsorship came from the FFV.

That however was withdrawn approximately a week before the start of the 2007 season by email.

No official comment was ever made by the FFV as to why it made its decision, but it appears it was offended by certain remarks made in the 'paper. Therefore contrary to popular belief, GW is an independent publication that receives no funding from any of the federations, either state or national.

In over 100 editions GW has only ever missed two deadlines. The first was due to technical problems with printing equipment, and the second due to the strain of financial difficulties - ironic to some considering the apparent boom football is experiencing in this country at the moment.

Last year's special edition of the new A-league season nearly didn't make it to the stands at all. While Sunday afternoons are usually meant preparing for the rush of the approaching deadline, I was on the phone informing sponsors, the printers and staff that we could no longer afford to go on anymore.

Many calls were continued to be made in a last ditch effort to generate support and overcome the media flat-line. In the ensuing couple of hours however GW's SOS was miraculously answered. Thanks to an extremely generous group of friends and associates of GW (who wish to remain anonymous) the press was ready to roll once again after a temporary standstill.

Since then the 'paper has grown from strength to strength and continues to be a testimony to the talented individuals who week, in week out dedicate their time and efforts in the name of football.

Congratulations are in order for everyone involved with the mag from day one until now!

To our readers, our sponsors, our advertisers and contributors, you've been absolutely outstanding in your involvement and support of GW.

From Boo's World to Katsa'a Korner, from Morwell to Maribyrnong, from the inaugural A-league season to World Cup qualification, from Box Hill Inter winning a record five WPL titles in a row to Green Gully winning the VPL championship in its Jubilee year, GW has been there too, every kick of the way.

The fact of the matter is we're not the BBC, nor are we an SBS. We're not a glossy with heaps of fluff either, nor do we have the resources of professional organizations. Collectively though, what the team at GW does have, is courage to have a go.

In the meantime, keep enjoying your football and we'll just keep enjoying having a go. Hopefully for another 100 editions at the very least.

Yours in football,

Mr. Ed

GW supports all colours, great and small. Melbourne Victory wins the A-league championship.

GW is not ashamed to remember "old soccer". Adelaide City's Bugsy Nyskohus with the 1986 Sth Div. NSL title.

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Preston Lions romp to the 2007 Foxtel Cup.

Green Gully Cavaliers wins the 2005 VPL title in its Jubilee year.

Socceroo World Cup Send Off: Beating European champs Greece 1-0 at the MCG before heading to Germany in '06.

Former FFV CEO Tony Pignata with 2006 U21 Player of the Year, Daniel Visevic.

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ZEBRAS HIRE JOLIC

Whittlesea Appoints Rookie Coach

The Whittlesea Zebras have appointment Ivan Jolic as its new coach for the remainder of the 2008 Foxtel Cup season.

Jolic takes over from Peter Ollerton and will be in charge of his first match against Preston Lions in the Northern Community Cup next Sunday.

Jolic is no stranger to Epping Stadium, having played for Whittlesea in 2003, under then manager Phil Stubbins.

It is Jolic's first appointment at senior level.

As a player he represented St Albans at junior and senior level, making his senior debut at the ripe age of 17 years of age in the Victorian Premier League.

He then went on to represent the Melbourne Knights for 7 seasons in the old National Soccer League and of late has used his experiences to nurture youth, and as a mentor to several current A-League participants.

Jolic, delighted with his new appointment, is confident of bringing success to a team he rates, as good as any in the Foxtel Cup.

Asked his appointment Jolic answered, "It's a very exciting time for myself to embark on a challenge such as this. I clearly understand the challenge ahead and the difficulty of the task. It's never easy to come in halfway through a season and try to get the results people want. Change is a funny thing for a lot of people, but in saying that I've enjoyed the first week. The boys have responded very well, and I really can't wait for next week's game".

Asked about his first impressions of the set up at Epping, Jolic replied. "I think I've gone to one of the top clubs in the league – there's no two ways about that. The facilities are great, they've got one of the nicest stadiums in Victoria outside of the main stadiums, the support network within the club is fantastic and the playing roster, ability wise, is a lot better than what their position on the table suggests."

The 33 year old Jolic took his first sessions with the squad during the week and was asked what his thoughts were on the squad.

"We probably lack a bit of self belief at the moment. But I'm going to try and entrust them with the responsibility and the belief that they can keep the club up and still push for the finals."

Asked how the job actually came about, Jolic replied, "It's been common knowledge that I've been interested in taking a senior coaching role in the VPL for the last six months. I have applied or been involved in the coaching process or selection criteria previously. I received a phone call from Joe Sala and during a brief conversation on the phone I indicated I would be interested in the Zebras position. It then proceeded to a formal level involving other board members and it pretty much went from there."

"I'm looking at it in two stages. We firstly need to build our confidence and start enjoying our training sessions and the competition again. Ideally we want to be away from the relegation zone to achieve that and then stage two is about setting our sights on a top six spot."

Jolic stated he's excited about working with Paul Harris and the existing squad to hopefully resurrect the club amongst the elite of the Foxtel Cup.

"I didn't want to really come in and re-invent the wheel and Paul has invaluable experience within the current squad. He has a very good understanding of the squad and their make-up. Paul will play an absolute massive part in helping me to fast track the process acquainting myself to the coaching role and the current playing roster."

Asked if he will utilise the transfer window, Jolic said, "I've made it clear to the boys that I'm always keen on bolstering the squad, but I want to have players that can add value to my current squad. So, no disrespect to the transfers that happen this time of year, but I'm looking for quality and if I do bring anyone into the squad it will be above and beyond what I've already got there at the moment. I feel very comfortable with the current squad, and that's a vote of confidence for them, but I won't be bastardising the current squad by going and looking at players who are available half way through the year."

Whittlesea Zebras' new coach, Ivan Jolic, with club president Sam Cuteri at last Friday's Northern Community Cup press conference.

WORLD CUP SQUAD ANNOUNCED

Socceroos coach, Pim Verbeek, has named a 34 man squad for the World Cup qualifying match between Australia and Iraq to be held on Sunday 2 June 2008 at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

The players selected (and their current clubs) are:

Danny Allsopp (Melbourne Victory), **Michael Beauchamp** (FC Nurnberg, Germany) Mark Bresciano (US Citta di Palermo, Italy), **Mark Bridge** (Sydney FC), **Jacob Burns** (FC Unirea Valahorum, Romania), **Nick Carle** (Bristol City FC, England), **David Carney** (Sheffield United FC, England), **Ante Covic** (Newcastle United Jets), **Chris Coyne** (Colchester United FC, England), **Jason Culina** (PSV Eindhoven, Holland), **Bruce Djite** (Adelaide United FC), **Brett Emerton** (Blackburn Rovers, England), **Adam Federici** (Reading FC, England), **Vincenzo Grella** (Torino FC Spa, Italy), **Adam Griffiths** (Newcastle United Jets), **Joel Griffiths** (Avispa Fukuoka, Japan (on loan from Newcastle United Jets), **James Holland** (Newcastle United Jets), **Brett Holman** (NEC Nijmegen, Holland), **Mile Jedinak** (Central Coast Mariners FC), **Harry Kewell** (Liverpool FC, England), **Scott McDonald** (Celtic FC, Scotland), **Mark Milligan** (No Club), **Jade North** (Newcastle United Jets), **Michael Petkovic** (Sivasspor, Turkey), **Nikita Rukavytsya** (Perth Glory FC), **Mark Schwarzer** (Fulham FC, England), **Matthew Spiranovic** (FC Nurnberg, Germany), **Mile Sterjovski** (Derby County FC, England), **Nikolai Topor-Stanley** (Perth Glory FC), **James Troisi** (Newcastle United FC, England), **Carl Valeri** (US Grosseto FC, Italy), **Rodrigo Vargas** (Melbourne Victory FC), **Luke Wilkshire** (FC Twente, Netherlands), **Ruben Zadkovich** (Derby County FC, England).

Verbeek will name the players to travel to the Middle East for the return leg against Iraq in Dubai (7 June) and against Qatar in Doha (14 June) after next week's match.

After a strong showing in the ACL, Victory's Daniel Allsopp earns his Socceroo call up.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	14	8	6	0	25	11	30
Green Gully Cavaliers	14	8	5	1	26	8	29
Richmond	14	8	3	3	38	15	27
Heidelberg Utd	14	7	5	2	21	15	26
Oakleigh Cannons	13	7	3	3	18	10	24
Altona Magic	14	6	5	3	19	15	23
A.I.S	13	6	3	4	26	18	21
South Melbourne	14	6	0	8	21	19	18
Coburg Utd	14	4	3	7	13	21	15
Preston Lions	13	4	3	6	18	28	15
Whittlesea Zebras	13	3	3	7	15	22	12
Western Suburbs	13	2	4	7	12	25	10
Fawkner Blues	14	1	3	10	11	38	6
Frankston Pines	13	1	2	10	8	26	5

RESULTS

Oakleigh Cannons	0 - 1	Frankston Pines
Preston Lions	1 - 5	Richmond Eagles
Coburg United	1 - 1	Western Suburbs
Green Gully Cavaliers	1 - 1	Altona Magic
Melbourne Knights	3 - 1	Fawkner Blues
South Melbourne	1 - 2	Heidelberg United
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UNDER 21 DETAILS

Oakleigh Cannons 2 Frankston Pines 0, Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Altona Magic 3, Coburg Utd 0 Western Suburbs 2, Melbourne Knights 0 Fawkner Blues 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	14	10	1	3	23	10	31
V.I.S	13	7	4	2	21	11	25
Richmond	13	8	0	5	31	18	24
Coburg Utd	13	7	2	4	26	16	23
Melbourne Knights	14	5	5	4	18	24	20
Fawkner Blues	13	6	2	5	16	17	17
Frankston Pines	13	5	2	6	12	14	17
Whittlesea Zebras	13	5	1	7	24	27	16
Altona Magic	14	5	1	8	16	21	16
Oakleigh Cannons	13	4	3	6	14	16	15
Preston Lions	12	3	5	4	12	15	14
South Melbourne	13	3	4	6	14	25	13
Western Suburbs	12	4	3	5	15	17	12
Heidelberg Utd	12	2	1	9	16	27	7

THE TOP MARKSMEN

Player, Club	Goals
Naidovski, Jason A.I.S	12
Cardozo, Pablo Richmond SC	10
Cardozo, Richard Richmond SC	8
Curcija, Michael Altona Magic SC	8
Lagana, Frankie M Oakleigh Cannons FC	8
Barisic, Andrew Melbourne Knights SC	6
Krncevic, Jesse J Richmond SC	6
Nikolic, Joel Green Gully Cavaliers SC	6
Catalano, Michael Richmond SC	5
Danning, Kofi D A.I.S	5
De Moraes, Fernando South Melbourne FC	5
Josifovski, Alexander Coburg United FC	5
Sapazovski, Johnny Preston Lions SC	5

ROUND FIFTEEN FIXTURES

GREEN GULLY
V
RICHMOND EAGLES
Green Gully Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 4:00PM

COBURG UTD
V
SOUTH MELBOURNE
Knights Stadium
Sat 31 May KO 6:00PM

ALTONA MAGIC
V
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
Paisley Park
Sat 31 May KO 6:30PM

FRANKSTON PINES
V
A.I.S
Monterey Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 8:30PM

FAWKNER BLUES
V
WESTERN SUBURBS
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 1 Jun KO 3:00PM

WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS
V
PRESTON LIONS
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 1 Jun KO 3:00PM

HEIDELBERG UTD
V
OAKLEIGH CANNONS
Olympic Village
Sun 1 Jun KO 5:00PM

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

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HEIDELBERG UNITED

BERGERS ON A ROLL

Six Wins From Seven For Bergers

A goal from Josip Kozic ten minutes from time has given the visiting Heidelberg all three points against South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium this afternoon. The win, the 'Bergers' sixth from the last seven starts, has cemented their position in the Foxtel Cup top six, and continues South Melbourne's topsy-turvy season.

The game, whilst never reaching great heights, was a typically tight affair. These two arch-rivals always seem to produce gripping contests, and this one proved to be drama-filled to the end, with Heidelberg's superior mid-field capabilities proving decisive in their 2-1 win.

South Melbourne went into the game weakened by the absence of their captain & first-choice 'keeper, Dean Anastasiadis & utility Ramazan Tavsancioglu, whilst Heidelberg began with the same starting line-up of a week ago. There were few openings early on for either side, as both sides tried to play their way into the match.

South Melbourne mid-fielder Fernando De Moraes started to exert his influence on the right hand side, as he looked to link up with Poutakidis on several occasions, as the duo looked to pressure the Heidelberg back four. Ricky Diaco had a half-chance well blocked by Jones, as the home side began to get on top. Shortly after, De Moraes whipped in a cross from the right side, but South failed to capitalise on his good work.

South Melbourne took a 1-0 lead shortly after through Sam Poutakidis, who scored after his intelligent run from deep caught the Heidelberg defence square. Poutakidis was played through and slotted the ball past Gavalas to set off wild celebrations by the South faithful after 18 minutes of play. In the aftermath, both Poutakidis & De Moraes received cautions for excessive celebrations. Heidelberg, stung by the goal, tried to up the tempo, and a speculative through ball by Ouliaris found Hockless, whose left foot volley was well parried by Jelic. The remainder of the first half was evenly contested, although South Melbourne looked to be in control of the game, and trying to get in behind the 'Bergers defence.

Heidelberg equalised just before half-time, somewhat against the run of play. A long free kick by Drossos was well met met by Kozic, who nooded the ball throught to Hockless on the right hand side of the box. Hockless found a metre of spacepast Van Dommele and fired in a low shot past Jelic to leave the score dead-locked at 1-1 after 45 minutes.

The second half was a gripping affair, as first one side then the other struggled to gain ascendancy. Poutakidis for South Melborne, who had featured so prominently in the fiorst half, was now being more closely shadowed, and as a result, his influence was curbed. For Heidelberg, Hockless was now beginning to dictate play with neat interplay with his front mean, particularly Alilovic. South coach Michalakopoulos made the first change of the afternoon, replacing a tiring Diaco with Gianni De Nittis, almost with instant results. The South striker forced a lunging save by Gavalas after he rose strongly to head a lob from Nunes.

Heidelberg coach Katsakis brought on Aleksovski for Drossos on the hour mark, as the visitors looked to grab a winner through a looping header from Alilovic after good lead-up work by fellow striker Tsiorlas. South could have taken the lead on 65 minutes after De Nittis broke free of his marker and sent a well-placed low cross from the left, but Nunes was unable to get to the ball in time to stab it home and it was scrambled clear. Moments later, Kozic missed a golden opportunity to give Heidelberg the lead after being put through by Alilovic, The Heidelberg midfielder shot wide of the near post despite being one on one against South's 'keeper Jelic. At this stage, it was becoming end-to-end stuff, as the vocal supporters of both clubs were urging their charges on. Both substitutes, De Nittis for South & Aleksovski for Heidelberg were looking threatening & it was the latter who provided the pass for the eventual winner on 80 minutes. Having picked up the ball on the left, Aleksovski cut inside and hit an angled ball across the right to Kozic, who evaded La Verde & drove home a low shot past Jelic's near post to set of wild celebrations by the "Berger faithful behind the goals at the Lakeside end.

South Melbourne pressed for a late equaliser, and through an O'Dor header came close, but in their desire to press forward were caught on the rebound in injury time. Substitue Andrew Bourakis was given a straight red card for a professional foul on Aleksovski. Moments later, it was full-time and with a 2-1 victory, the Heidelberg players were given a standing ovation by their small, but vocal contingent of fans.

South Melbourne travel to Knights Stadium next Saturday to take on Coburg United, whilst Heidelberg take on Oakleigh next Sunday at the Olympic Village.

Final score at Bob Jane Stadium this evening:
South Melbourne 1 (Poutakidis 18') lost to Heidelberg United 2 (Hockless 45', Kozic 80')

South Melbourne Line-up:
Jelic, Nunes, Van Dommele, O'Dor, Caldwell, Diaco (De Nittis 57'), Zoric, La Verde (Bourakis 79'), De Moraes (Armenian 68'), Poutakidis, Natsioulas.

Yellow cards: Poutakidis 18', De Moraes 18', Caldwell 88'
Red Cards: Bourakis 90' + 2

Heidelberg Line-Up:
Gavalas, Jones , Stefanou, Ameti, Vassiliadis, Drossos (Aleksovski 59'), Hockless, Ouliaris, Kozic (Groenwald 82'), Tsiorlas (Paton 88'), Alilovic.

Yellow cards: None
Red cards: None

Man of the Match:
Graham Hockless
(Heidelberg United)

Crowd: 2,000
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium

Heidlelberg's Graham Hockless put in a man of the match performance to help dispose of arch rivals South Melbourne 2-1 at Bob Jane yesterday.

By John Fotinos

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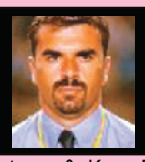

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Foxtel Cup action from the six goal thriller between AIS and Richmond Eagles played in Canberra on Saturday..

COBURG UNITED

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WESTERN SUBURBS

HONOURS SHARED IN TOUGH DRAW

Chances Go Begging For Both Teams

Coburg United and Western Suburbs have played out a hard fought 1-1 draw at Knights Stadium on Saturday night. Both teams almost won the game in the final minutes but at the end of the night a 1-1 result was probably a fair one.

Suburbs 90th minute blues continued when they hit the cross bar with literally the last kick of the game while Coburg wasted several golden chances late in the game as well. The draw doesn't help either team much especially Suburbs who sit in 12th position on the ladder 5 points from safety while Coburg sit in 9th only 3 points from the relegation zone.

The game started with both teams showing some spark at the start, Suburbs showed their intentions early shooting as often as they could. As the half wore on the game tightened up making chances few and far between with neither team really gaining the ascendancy in the midfield. The opening goal came in the 33rd minute when one of Coburg's new signings Brendan Beni broke down the left wing, he then managed to nutmeg a bewildered Karavitis and shot low and hard to beat Gal at the back post. The goal was probably a soft one to concede as both defender and keeper were at fault for the goal. Nevertheless Suburbs continued to toil and pepper the Coburg goal.

In the second half Suburbs really came out to play and took the early initiative. They were rewarded with an equaliser in the 54th minute. The Coburg defender looked to pass the ball back to his team mate but his pass went straight to Hatzimouratis who beat two defenders and shot past Kovar in the Coburg goal. Coburg would have been disappointed as they gave up the lead pretty cheaply. From here it was game on with both teams now desperate for the three points. In the 59th minute Suburbs threw the Russian sensation Ihor Khrapko into the fray to the delight of the travelling supporters.

Suburbs almost scored a second when Cvetanovski cut the ball back to Hatzimouratis whose shot from the penalty spot was hit with good power but straight at Kovar whose parry was subsequently cleared by the home team's defence. In the 72nd minute Coburg gave away a great opportunity to take the lead, Vlahos played a brilliant threw-ball to Josifovski who was one on one with the keeper but pressure from the defence and great stop from Gal kept the score a 1-1.

Josifovski was then substituted off as he sustained an injury from the missed chance. In the 90th minute it was Vlahos' turn to waste a one on one this time but again Gal was up to the task in the Suburbs goal. The final twist in the game came with the last kick of the game. Khrapko had a free kick for Suburbs about 25 metres out and his brilliant struck free kick only managed to hit the bar, seconds later the final whistle blew and the disappointment and anguish on the faces of the Suburbs players was there to see for all.

In the end a fair result as both teams could have won it. Next week Coburg United host the mighty South Melbourne who will be looking to bounce back after a disappointing 2-1 loss to old foes Heidelberg United while Western Suburbs travel to CB Smith Reserve to face Fawkner in what shapes up to be a huge relegation battle royale.

Coburg United
Line Up: Kovar, Pir, Kovacevic, Beni, Nastevski, Mustafa, Magnacca, Baser (Ucarli 84'), Vlahos, Josifovski (Sumbul 72'), Lazarevski (Thompson 59')

Goals: Beni 33'

Yellow Cards: Vlahos 65', Thompson 88'

Red Cards: none

Western Suburbs
Line Up: Gal, Cvetanovski, Cetkin, Tsonis, Karavitis (Raoma 76'), Kindtner, Kalogeracos (Khrapko 59'), Hatzimouratis (Sianidis 82'), I. Razov, T. Razov, Oksuz

Goals: Hatzimouratis 54'

Yellow Cards: T. Razov 76', I. Razov 78'

Red Cards: none

Man of the Match: Dimitri Hatzimouratis (Western Suburbs)

Crowd: 800
Venue: Knights Stadium

By Michal Skrodski

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Western Suburbs' Vas Kalageracos closes down his Coburg United opponent on Saturday.

Brenden Beni score his first goal for Coburg since transfering from Richmond

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PRESTON LIONS

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RICHMOND EAGLES

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Richmond Repeat The Dose Over Lions

Preston Lions and Richmond began the second half of the season the same way the commenced the year, with an emphatic 5-1 win to the Eagles. Then the Lions entered the game with a Grand Final win being their last game, whilst Richmond came off a season in which Foxtel Cup survival was in jeopardy in the last game of the season. Since then Richmond have sat near the head of the table, whilst Preston recovered from a poor start to work into a mid-table position.

In the first minute a short run from Pablo Cardozo saw him beat a man before shooting wide from twenty-five yards. The Eagles had signalled their attacking intent, and a minute later took the lead. An overhit cross by Michael Catalano on the left went across the box to Richie Cardozo. He held off a marker on the sideline, backing away from goal looking for options before cutting back inside and crossing to the top of the penalty area. The ball was met by a superb volley from Jesse Krncevic which left Lou Acevski well beaten as it dipped under the crossbar.

Conceding the early goal did not deter the Lions, and they enjoyed a good spell of play for the next twenty minutes. Antun Kovacic did well to get back and cover after a ball from Marino Gasparis played in Johnny Sapazovski. Tony Sterjovski looked certain to score in the ninth minute when a flicked on corner saw Stuart Webster spill the ball but Stuart McCluskey blocked the ball on the line. A minute later Sapazovski shot wide after a quick turn, and then Igor Arsovski sent the ball wide with a volley after another corner had Webster struggling.

In the thirteenth minute Kovacic had his header from a free-kick blocked, but the momentum remained with Preston as Webster was forced into a good save by a Gasparis shot. Then Richie Cardozo had the ball in the back of the net, curling it in with a first time strike from well outside the penalty area. Referee Senko Rastocic initially awarded the goal, but after being alerted to his assistant's flag headed to the touchline for a discussion before disallowing the goal for an offside in the build-up.

Two minutes later Webster made another save after a shot from Arsovski. This was followed by Preston's best chance yet, the ball falling to Sapazovski six yards from goal but his strike cannoning onto the crossbar.

Preston's failure to capitalise from this period was punished by Richmond in the twenty-ninth minute. Semir Sivic played the ball long through the middle, and after it bounced over a defender's foot it put Pablo Cardozo in the clear. He carried it into the box and coolly bear Acevski to double Richmond's lead.

Things were not going right for Preston, with Sterjovski booked on the half hour even though the target of his dissent appeared to be a team-mate and not the referee. Pablo Cardozo had a volley deflected for a corner, from which McCluskey's header was denied by a brilliant effort from Acevski. Victor Pititto was booked for a foul on Krncevic shortly afterwards. Just before the break another good ball from Gasparis saw Sapazovski round Webster, but he was very wide of the goal and ultimately unable to keep the ball in play.

Richmond again began brightly when play resumed for the second half. After a free-kick to the far post, the ball fell to Catalano who shot over the bar. McCluskey went into the referee's notebook after a foul on Gasparis just four minutes into the half. In the fifty-third minute Richmond scored their third goal. Sivic beat a man on the right and cut inside, racing into the area. His shot went wide of the far post, but Pablo Cardozo had carried on with his run and slotted the ball home unmarked from a tight angle.

Richmond brought on Zoran Cvetkovski for Dimitri Tsiaras who had taken a knock. A Krncevic run down the left saw his squared ball kicked away from Richie Cardozo by Acevski, before the keeper eventually was able to grab the ball. In the seventieth minute George Goutzioulis squeezed the ball out to overlapping substitute Jimmy Latinopoulos. Acevski managed to parry the strike from Latinopoulos and the ball was then cleared. Sterjovski shot wide from twenty-five yards as he tried to get his side back into the game.

The seventy-third minute saw Latinopoulos win the ball in the middle and pass to Krncevic. Krncevic found an unmarked Pablo Cardozo on his right, and the Eagles marksman slotted the ball inside the far post for his second hat-trick against the Lions this season. Two minutes later a shot struck Sivic on the arm in the box, earning Preston a penalty. Sterjovski made no mistake from the spot to pull the score back to 1-4.

After the ball bounced around the penalty area from a corner, a stinging shot from Latinopoulos just outside the box was blocked before Richie Cardozo was ruled offside.

A counter-attack in the eighty-fourth minute produced Richmond's fifth goal. Richie Cardozo carried the ball down the left flank before feeding it to Krncevic, who followed in his initially blocked shot to notch a double.

In the last minute Krncevic teed up a shot for Latinopoulos, who fired wide. With the final whistle, Richmond had condsolidated third place on the table and narrowed the gap to second-placed Green Gully to two points. Preston slumped back down to tenth, looking more likely to be embroiled in the relegation battle than chasing a Finals place.

Preston: L.Acevski, M.Bosevksi. V.Pititto, M.Gasparis, J.Sapasovski, T.Sterjovski, M.Miskas (R.Dolevski 46'), I.Arsovski, B.Micovski (L.Anastasiou 46'), N.Schwal, S.Masalkovski.

Goal: T.Sterjovski 75'

Yellow Cards: Sterjovski 30' Pititto 34'

Red Cards: None

Richmond: S.Webster, S.McCluskey, D.Tsiaras (Z.Cvetkovski 59'), J.Krncevic, S.Sivic, G.Goutzioulis (S.Rexhepi 75'), R.Cardozo, P.Cardozo, A.Kovacic, M.Catalano (J.Latinopoulos 63'), N.Bahnsen.

Goals: Krncevic 3' 84' P.Cardozo 29' 53' 73'

Yellow Cards: McCluskey 51' Goutzioulis 64' Sivic 75' R.Cardozo 78'

Red Cards: None

Man of the Match: Jesse Krncevic (Richmond)

Venue: BT Connor Reserve
Crowd: 800

Preston captain Johnny Sapazovski flies high in the challenge against Richmond's Stuart McCluskey in the match at Connor Reserve yesterday. However it was the Eagles who were victorious at the final whistle with an identical 5-1 scoreline that was recorded on the opening day of the season

By Mark Boric

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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

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FAWKNER BLUES

KNOCKOUT KNIGHTS!

Baresic Brace Sinks Blues

Three goals in a fifteen minute spell from the Melbourne Knights knocked out Fawker's faint hopes of registering one of the major upsets in the Foxtel Cup season. After a stalemate first half, Fawner found a shock lead through Christopher Greechan, but the Knights rallied and goals to Ivan Franjic and a double to Andrew Barisic to collect all three points and top position on the Foxtel Cup table.

This was a must win match for both clubs, but for completely opposite reasons. For the Knights, a win would secure outright first spot on the Foxtel Cup table after Green Gully's draw with the Altona Magic, whilst the Blues had to rebound from last week's 6-1 thrashing at Green Gully and start winning games in the second half of the season to conjure a minor miracle and avoid the drop.

The Blues started on a positive note when former Knight Ralph Napoli's deep throw from the sideline found Jason Principato on the post, only to be denied by Knights goalkeeper Savas Ozdemir from twelve yards forcing the ball out for a corner. It was the Knight's however who began to settle and create the better chances for the half, but had nothing to show for it on the scoreboard. In the fifteenth minute, Alex Kiratzoglou delivered a high ball in to the box which was won by Andrew Barisic. Barisic headed the ball across the face of goal and found Joe Spiteri, who finished with a scissor kick on the volley which was tipped over the bar by Blues goalkeeper Pasi Schwalger. The Knight's pressure continued and in the twentieth minute, left back Steve Iosifidis intercepted a ball on the halfway line and strolled unchallenged deep into the Fawkner half but finished wide from twenty yards. On the half hour mark, the Knights won a free kick twenty yards from goal which was taken by Anthony Pelikan. Pelikan's set piece found a way through the wall, but not Schwalger who forced the powerfully struck ball away for a corner.

Although level at the break, the home supporters were frustrated at the Knight's inability to make an impact on the scoreboard and their frustration would have reached boiling point when Fawkner snatched the lead five minutes into the second half to silence Knight's Stadium. Blues forward Christopher Greechan found a rare piece of space in the Knights midfield and advanced solo to the edge of the box and finished from eighteen yards to beat Ozdemir.

As per the story of Melbourne's season to date, the Knights have raised the ante and lifted their game when falling behind in contests and this match was no exception. The Knights continued to mount relentless pressure on the Blues defence and Fawkner's lead only lasted fifteen minutes. An Andrew Barisic crack outside the box was saved by Schwalger using his feet, but fell to an unmarked Ivan Franjic who headed the ball home on the back post. It was unclear whether Schwalger was blinded by Barisic's strike, or the ball copped a deflection through the wall, but the unorthodox save was not enough to give the Knight's an avenue back into the contest. Schwalger was seething again a minute later when the Blues keeper failed to hold a cross that spilt to Barisic who finished in front of an open goal. Barisic had his double less than fifteen minutes after, when Joe Spiteri's vision quick flick through a congested Fawkner midfield released Barisic running into space on the inside and the midfielder streamed unchallenged into the Fawkner box to beat Schwalger from twelve yards.

Three successive knockout blows from the Knights left the Blues reeling and Fawkner tried to find a consolation goal with minutes remaining when new substitutes Vlado Juric and Adam Zilic combined to find Sebastian Petrolito on the near post. The young forward's finish was inches wide on the near post and Fawkner nearly leaked a fourth goal on the next passage of play when Adrian Zahra combined with Anthony Pelikan, only for the midfielder to send his shot over the bar.

The Knights ran out eventual 3 -1 winners continuing their unbeaten run for the 2008 season. Reflecting upon the victory, Knights coach Chris Taylor remarked "I was happy with the result but we either leave our run until late, or wait for the opposition to score. Nevertheless, a win is a win and we need to keep ensuring we work hard to just keep doing that – winning". Fawkner misery continues and the drop for the Blues seems inevitable, sitting in second last position and nine points adrift in the relegation zone. Fawkner coach Vlado Vanis was happy with his team's effort to match the Knights for sixty minutes, but disappointed to see Fawkner's hard work and effort die out in the latter stages.

The Knights travel to Paisley Park to take on the Magic next week, whilst Fawkner entertain Western Suburbs at CB Smith Reserve.

Melbourne Knights: S. Ozdemir, S. Iosifidis (J. Cumming 65'), M. Grbesa, C. Watson, J. Spiteri, A. Pelikan, A. Barisic (S. Piorkowski 85'), C. Timmons, C. Elvin, I. Franjic, A. Kiratzoglou (A. Zahra 65').

Scorers: Ivan Franjic (67'), Andrew Barisic (68', 82')

Yellow Cards: Nil
Red Cards: Nil

Fawkner Blues: P. Schwalger, Z. Younan, C. Tuck, J. Principato (A. Zilic 50'), M. Kathopoulis (V. Juric 80'), F. Husanovic (S. Petrolitio 75'), C. Greechan, Y. Galanos, B. Cogger, R. Napoli, L. Anifaloyin.

Scorers: Christopher Greechan (50')

Yellow cards: F. Husanovic (60')
Red cards: Nil

Man of the Match: Ivan Franjic (Melbourne Knights)

Crowd: 900

Venue: Knights Stadium

By Simon McCuskey

Photo by Steve Starek

Andrew Baresic gets the approval from team-mates Craig Elvin and Matthew Grbesa after scoring his second for the afternoon. The Knights are now top and undefeated.

Andrew Baresic sneaks in behind Pasi Shwalger to put the Melbourne Knights1-0 in front with a well taken goal against the Fawkner Blues at Knights Stadium yesterday.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

RED DEVILS THIRD TIME LUCKY

GLORY GLORY MAN UNITED LIFT THIRD EURO CROWN

Russian Roulette Of Penalties Decide Moscow Final

Manchester United secured a hat-trick of European crowns last Wednesday, when they defeated English rivals Chelsea on penalties in a drama-filled night in Moscow.

The victory came 40 years on from their first European title success back in 1968 at Wembley, and coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Munich air disaster, in which members of United's squad were killed in a tragic plane crash.

It was also fitting that Ryan Giggs added further to United's history book, his 759th appearance for Manchester beating the long-standing record set by Munich survivor and footballing great Sir Bobby Charlton.

It appeared that history was on United's side and, ironically, it was Giggs who netted the winning penalty to send the trophy back to Manchester for the first time since 1999.

Although the match was evenly contested between the two English heavyweights, many would agree on review of the tournament that United were deserved winners.

Unbeaten throughout the competition, the Red Devils progressed from Group F with five wins and a draw from six outings, an impressive feat considering opposition came in the form of AS Roma and Sporting Lisbon.

United then went on to down French champions Lyon in the last sixteen, Italian giants Roma again in the quarters, and then Spanish favourites Barcelona in the semi-final, scoring 19 goals and conceding just five to set up a first ever English final.

Attacking flair and defensive stability was the key throughout the campaign for Sir Alex Ferguson's side, with the competition's top goal-scorer Cristiano Ronaldo an immense figure in United's line-up.

Despite being labelled among the favourites from day one of the season, United did meet some heavy criticism late in the tournament when they employed extremely defensive tactics in the semi-final against Barcelona.

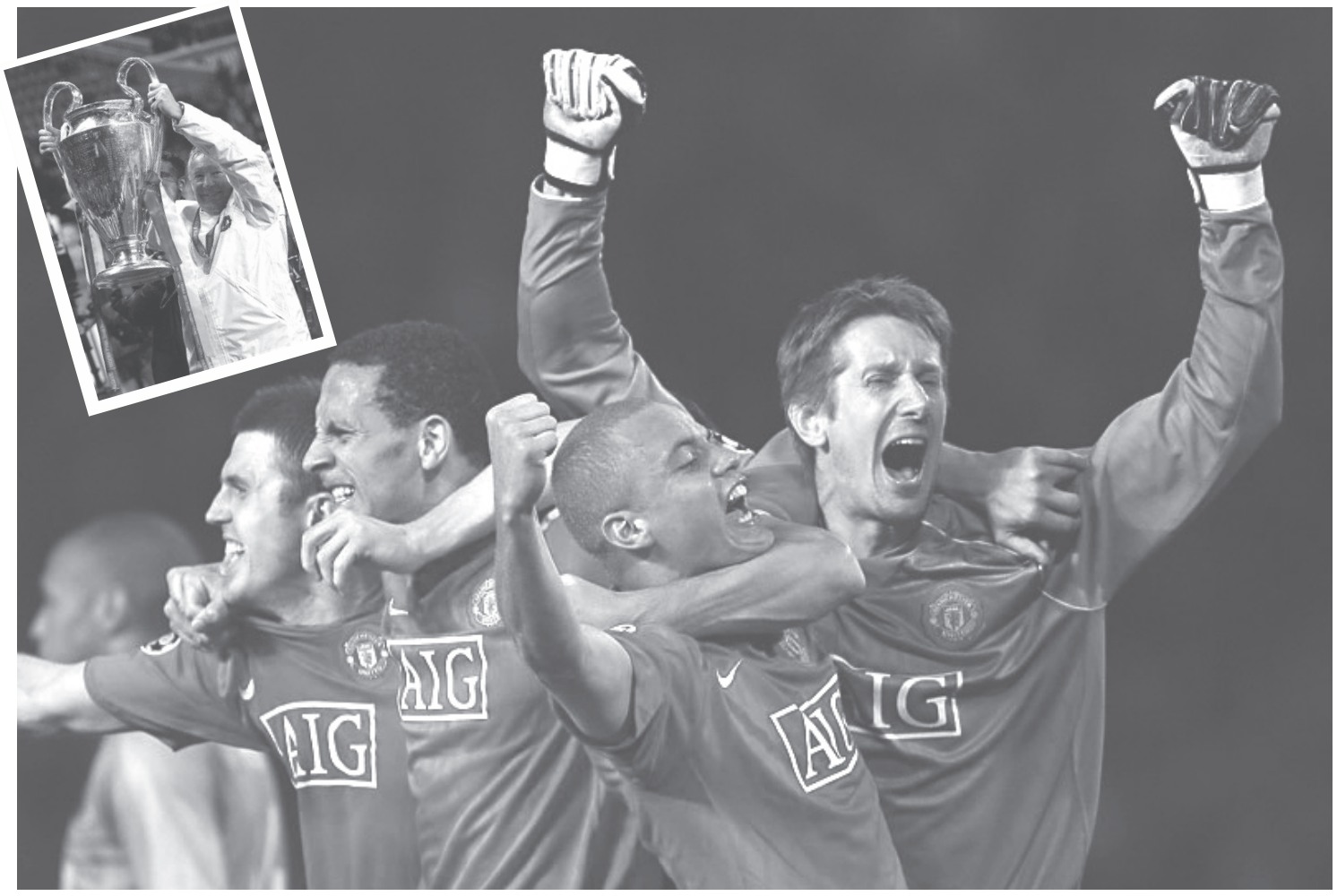
Their negative exhibition paid dividends, however, and many could argue that it was a display of defensive superiority which prevented Barca's ability to score.

In comparison, Chelsea's campaign was one of mixed results, winning six matches, drawing four and losing one, which often saw the side play some incredibly uninspiring football which barely managed to achieve the results required.

Their knockout stage draw also provided tests of lesser proportions to United, with the Blues facing Greece's Olympiacos, Turkey's Fenerbahce and English rivals Liverpool on their way to the final.

Their 2-1 loss to Fenerbahce in Istanbul in the quarter-finals highlighted the fact that the Londoners were not in the same vein of form as the rampaging United who had demolished Roma 3-0 on aggregate.

But the two sides were evenly matched on the night in the Luzhniki Stadium and the two sides had to be separated by the dreaded lottery of a penalty shootout.



Champions! From left to right: Michael Carrick, Rio Ferdinand, Wes Brown, and penalty shoot-out hero, Edwin Van Der Sar, savour the moment after winning the ECL, just when it looked like all was lost. Inset: Sir Alex Ferguson with the coveted trophy.

United began the brighter of the two, and dominated a first half which could have seen them go two or three goals ahead.

After a cagey opening period, the Red Devils gained the upper hand and who else but English Premier League Player of the Season Cristiano Ronaldo gave his side a much deserved lead with a clinical header for his 42nd goal of the season in all competitions.

A pin-point Wes Brown cross to the back post was met perfectly with Ronaldo's soaring jump, his header directed into the bottom corner leaving Chelsea's 'keeper flat-footed, and the United crowd in awe of the Portuguese winger's aerial ability.

On the half-hour, United were in full control, dominating 65% of possession and launching further attacks on the Chelsea goal.

The English champions were unlucky not to go further ahead in the 34th minute when Rooney launched a superb counter attack with a glorious ball from his own box to Ronaldo.

The goal scorer then crossed to a diving Carlos Tevez, whose effort was superbly blocked by goalkeeper Petr Cech, and the rebound by Carrick was again met by another world-class save from the Czech international.

Tevez had a second chance to make it 2-0 in United's favour when Rooney's accurate cross met the Argentinean's toe just metres out, but his sliding effort was sliced wide of the net.

United were made to pay for their missed opportunities as a rare surge by Chelsea saw them capitalise on some unlucky defending.

Frank Lampard was given the easiest of finishes after Ghanaian Michael Essien rifled a shot which took a double deflection; the ball falling perfectly to the feet of Lampard who slipped it past an unsteady Edwin Van Der Saar, right on the stroke of half-time.

Chelsea came out in the second half buoyed by Lampard's equaliser and were a changed side from the first, dominating proceedings with German midfielder Michael Ballack, striker Didier Drogba and Essien troubling the United defence.

The Blues accumulated 11 shots in comparison to their five in the first half, and Drogba's curling effort which struck Van Der Saar's upright illustrated how close they were to a winner.

Unlucky to escape a 2-0 deficit in the first half, Chelsea were unfortunate not to win the match in the second.

As the match headed into extra time, both sides reverted to a more cautious approach, unwilling to take risks which may lead to defeat.

Chelsea again started the brighter, and a fantastic piece of play saw Lampard strike the underside of the crossbar three minutes in.

A surging run into the box by Kalou, a touch by Ballack and a beautiful turn and left-footed shot by Lampard was unfortunate not to see Chelsea take the lead.

Scenes turned ugly near the end of the first period, with Drogba receiving his marching orders after he struck United defender Nemanja Vidic across the face in a heated mêlée.

Soon cramp and fatigue played a part in creating a dull finish to the match, with both managers making substitutions ready for the inevitable penalty shoot-out, as rain began to pound the Luzhniki turf.

With so much riding on the penalties, it was amazing to witness an incredible amount of fantastically converted spot-kicks, with only three missed from a total of 14.

The unlucky ones not to convert included Ronaldo whose stuttered run-up failed to fool Cech; Chelsea captain John Terry who slipped on the wet pitch to send his spot-kick onto the woodwork and Nicolas Anelka's effort which was superbly saved by Van Der Saar.

Fittingly, Ryan Giggs was the final player to convert, to add Luzhniki 2008 to United's historic successes in Wembley in '68 and the Nou Camp in 1999.

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Champions League Reporter

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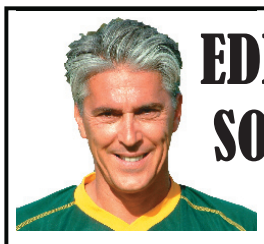

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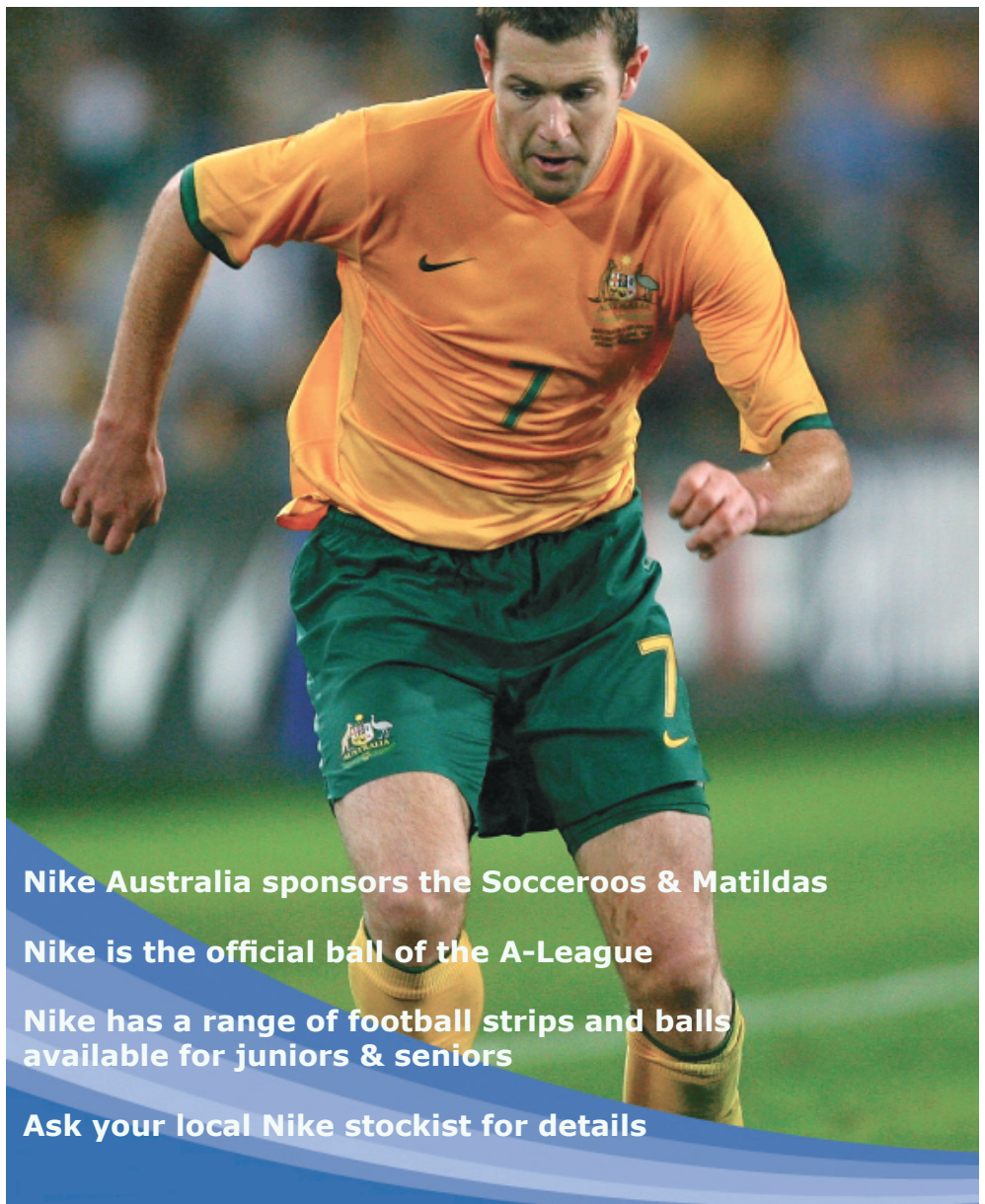

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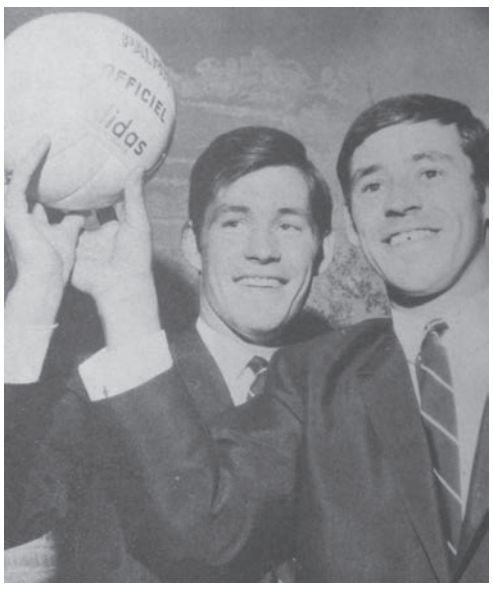
FERGUSON IN AUSTRALIA

When The Great Scot Became A Wizard Of Oz

Alex (Sir Alex) Ferguson, manager of the victorious Manchester United, came to Australia three times on business. Once with a Scottish team in 1967 as a player then in 1985 as the manager of the national team seeking to qualify for the World Cup in Mexico and finally in 1999 with United, the last time they won the European Champions League. On that occasion they had also won the Premier League and the FA Cup.

The 1967 tour was marked by a number of withdrawals from the originally selected Scottish squad because of the European commitments of their clubs. Celtic was to win the European Cup on 25 May in Lisbon, the first British club to do so, while



Jim McAlliog and Don Fraser with the Scotland party in 1967. Source: Laurie Schwab, The Socceroos and their Opponents, p. 83.

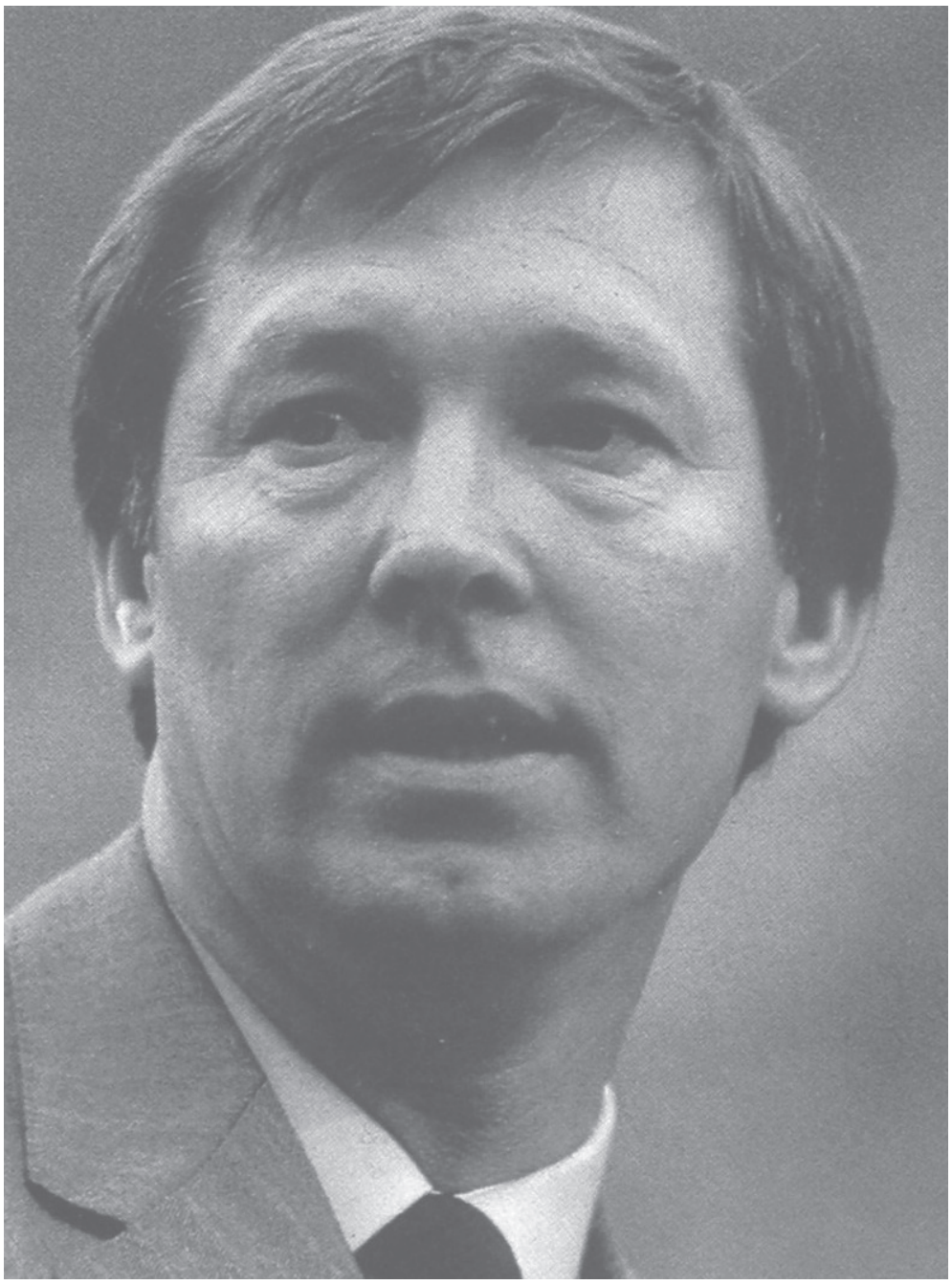
Rangers contested the Cup Winners final against Bayern Munich on 31 May, and Leeds United, which had Billy Bremner, Peter Lorimer and Eddie Gray in its side, was in the final of the European Fairs Cup, the predecessor of the UEFA Cup. Criticism in Australia of those decisions was understandable but somewhat myopic. When the tour was planned it could hardly have been predicted that three of the six finalists would include two from Scotland and one from England, even though England had won the World Cup the previous year. But the Scots downgraded the status of the tour, and refused to award full international caps to the players taking part. That hurt both the players and the perceptions of the team in Australia, though just short of 70,000 people saw the three games.

Scotland sent a number of its younger players including Jim McCalliog, Alex Ferguson, Willie Morgan and Harry Hood. Three games were played against Australia, all resulting in Scottish victories, with Ferguson scoring the only goal in the first match at the Sydney Showgrounds on 28 May and both goals in the two-nil win at Olympic Park on 3 June. The intervening match was played in Adelaide at Norwood Oval and Ray Baartz got Australia's only goal of the games, but Jim Townsend and Willie Morgan scored for Scotland. Ferguson was playing for Dunfermline Athletic when he left on the tour which took in Israel, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Canada, but at the start of the next season he signed for Rangers.

The Socceroos squad for the series included Atti Abonyi, Ray Baartz, Archie Blue, Billy Cook, Peter Fuzes, John Giacometti, Ron Giles, Pat Hughes, Alan Marnoch, Hammy McMeechan, Bruce Morrow, George Nuttall, Billy Rice, Bill Rorke, Nigel Shepherd, Cliff van Blerk, John Warren, John Watkiss and Alan Westwater. Joe Venglos was the coach.

So Australia was competitive in all three games and it took that good form into the National Day tournament in Saigon in November, when the Socceroos won all three group games and overcame Malaysia thanks to another Ray Baartz pile-driver in extra-time in the semi-final. Then it was South Korea in the final and the Australians gained the trophy by three goals to two, scored by Billy Vojtek, Atti Abonyi and Johnny Warren. 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits had taken over from Venglos as coach for the tournament, which was Australia's first international tournament victory in Asia.

In 1985 Ferguson became part-time manager of the Scottish international team following the untimely death of Jock Stein during the World Cup qualifying



Alec Ferguson in 1985. Source: SFA Program for Scotland v Australia.

match against Wales on 10 September. His assistant was Walter Smith, then assistant to Graeme Souness at Rangers and now manager of the club. Scotland beat Australia by two goals to nil at Hampden Park on 20 November 1985 with goals by Davie Cooper and Frank McAvennie. Despite some shenanigans involving Mo Johnston and McAvennie, the Scots held on for a scoreless draw in Melbourne in the second leg on 4 December. Ferguson wrote in his autobiography, 'The game was no triumph for us but the 0–0 result was perfectly satisfactory. … the truth is that Jim Leighton ensured our passage to the finals with four outstanding saves.' The day after the game, the CEO of the Scottish Football Association, Ernie Walker, told Ferguson that Mo Johnston had been banging on his door in the middle of the night, stark naked and with a similarly disrobed female in tow.

Johnston did not go to Mexico with the Scottish team!

In 1999 Ferguson brought a Manchester United side which had just won a stunning European treble of League and Cup in England and the European champions league with two very late goals against Bayern Munich. Though United had virtually a full strength squad the matches were overshadowed from an Australian perspective by a severe injury suffered by Simon Colosimo in the second game at Stadium Australia in Sydney on 18 July. Andy Cole was blamed for that, and Carlton's plan to sell the young Colosimo for a large sum to a European club was aborted and the player's career was blighted for the best part of two years.

Words by Roy Hay

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David Cooper takes on David Mitchell (right) and Steve O'Connor at Olympic Park in December 1985. Source: Les Shorrock Collection, Deakin University.

Left: Peter Fuzes, the Australian goalkeeper is beaten by Alec Ferguson for Scotland's winning goal in 1967. Source: Laurie Schwab, The Socceroos and their Opponents, p. 81.

Round 10

INTER EXTENDS LEAD AT TOP

Ashy Prevails In A ThrillerAgainst Heidelberg

Round 10 of the WPL saw Box Hill Inter extend its lead at the top of the ladder while also asserting its dominance over its nearest challenger, Sandringham. Ashburton edged out Heidelberg in a thriller to claim second place, while there were also wins for Preston, Bendigo, Eltham and Keilor.

Preston Lions stopped with rot and picked up its first points for five weeks with a 2-0 victory over Casey Comets at BT Connor Reserve on Saturday. Petra van Egmond gave the home side the lead early in the first half, with Peta Lipec adding a second after the interval. The result also snapped Casey's recent streak, which had seen it go five matches undefeated. The result keeps Preston firmly ensconced in the top five, and within touch of the sides above it. Casey remains seventh, and is now three points out of the finals positions.

South Melbourne's resurgence proved to be a brief affair, as it slipped to another defeat, this time going down to Bendigo Vipers at Beischer Oval on Saturday. South took the lead in the first half through Laura Spiranovic, but Sarah Richardson equalised for the home side shortly after. Richardson then turned the game on its head late in the second half, scoring twice more to complete her hat-trick and give Bendigo a 3-1 victory. It was the home side's third win of the season, and it now has thirteen points and is back in the mix for a push for the finals. South drops a place to tenth on the ladder, having suffered its sixth defeat of the campaign.

Having only conceded three goals for the season prior to Round 10, Sandringham had a rude shock when it encountered Box Hill Inter at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex on Saturday. The ladder leader scored four unanswered goals to romp past a Sandringham side that began the round in second place. The match was in the balance a half time, with Inter enjoying a slender one goal lead, but it turned on the style in the second half to score a further three times. The prolific Amanda Lawless scored twice, with singles from Louisa Bisby and Jessica Humble. The result sees Box Hill move four points clear at the top of the ladder, while the defeat, Sandringham's second of the season, means that it drops to third.

Keilor Park picked up its second victory of the season in style, with an 8-1 demolition of Eastern Lions at Gardiners Creek Reserve on Saturday. Keilor was four goals to the good at half time, and it added the same number after the interval, with Keryn Walters scoring a consolation for the home side. Tijen Hussein scored a hat-trick for Keilor, with Jolene Miller and Lauren Farruiga grabbing braces, and a single to Katia Tavolaro. The victory lifts Keilor one place on the ladder to ninth, while Eastern Lions remains at the foot of the ladder, and it is still yet to win a match.

Hannah Whittaker (Sandringham) shows her strength in the air against Amanda Lawless (Box Hill Inter). Alina Kapusta is ready for the knock down.

Eltham North snuck past GSL at Latrobe City Sports Club on Saturday, picking up the win with a single goal. Stephanie Simpson's second half strike was all that separated the teams, and it enabled Eltham to claim its fifth victory of the season. The win propels Eltham into the top five, as it overtakes Heidelberg united and moves three points clear of the mid-table pack. GSL drop into the bottom two, following this, their eighth defeat of the season.

The match of the round lived up to its billing, with Ashburton edging out Heidelberg United in a nail-biter at Ashburton Park on Sunday afternoon. For the second successive week, United relinquished a 2-1 lead to lose 3-2. The visiting side had the advantage at half time, with goals from Melanie Camilleri and Angie Rassias, with Ashburton having only managed to score once. But it was the home side that claimed the upper hand in the second half, scoring two unanswered goals to take the three points and climb to second on the ladder. Annabelle Gibney scored a pair for Ashburton, with Christine Pfeiffer also on target. Heidelberg is suffering a poor run at the moment, with only one point from its last four games, which has seen it drop out of the top five. It currently sits sixth, three points behind Eltham North. Ashburton is second, four points behind Box Hill, but still also yet to lose a game.

The WPL takes a break next weekend, to allow players the chance to watch the FFV Victoria Representative Team and FFV Victorian Select Team take on a Beijing combination side. When the competition returns in a fortnight's time, teams will face familiar opposition for the first time as we enter the second half of the season. Round 11 has been rescheduled for the weekend of July 5-6.

Jocelyn Murdoch (Sandringham) fends off Yvette Muscat (Box Hill Inter)

By Niki Cook

Photos by John Punshon

WPL ROUND TEN RESULTS

Preston Lions 2 (P Lipec P Van Egmond) Casey Comets 0, Bendigo Vipers 3 (S Richardson 3) South Melbourne 1 (L Spiranovic), Sandringham 0 Box Hill Inter 4 (A Lawless 2 J Humble L Bisby), Eastern Lions 1 (K Walters) Keilor Park 8 (K Tavolaro L Farrugia 2 T Hussein 3 J Miller 2), GSL 0 Eltham North 1 (S Simpson), Ashburton 3 (A Gibney 2 C Pfeiffer) Heidelberg Utd 2 (M Camilleri A Rassias)

WPL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	9	1	0	32	5	28
Ashburton	10	7	3	0	27	8	24
Sandringham	10	7	1	2	16	7	22
Preston Lions	10	6	0	4	10	9	18
Eltham North	10	5	1	4	29	15	16
Heidelberg Utd	10	4	1	5	22	19	13
Casey Comets	10	4	1	5	17	17	13
Bendigo Vipers	10	3	4	3	10	13	13
Keilor Park	10	2	3	5	20	24	9
South Melbourne	10	2	2	6	15	22	8
GSL	10	2	0	8	13	32	6
Eastern Lions	10	0	1	9	4	44	1

WPL ROUND 12 FIXTURES

South Melbourne v GSL
Albert Park Field 13
Sun 8 Jun KO 1:00PM

Keilor Park WSC v Preston Lions
Keilor Park Reserve
Sun 8 Jun KO 1:00PM

Casey Comets v Ashburton
Comets Stadium
Sun 8 Jun KO 1:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Box Hill Inter
Olympic Village
Sun 8 Jun KO 1:00PM

Eltham North v Sandringham
Anderson Park
Sun 8 Jun KO 8:00PM

***The WPL is in recess for a week. Round 11 will be played on the weekend of Saturday 4th July.**

WPL RESERVES RESULTS

Preston Lions 0 Casey Comets 2, Bendigo Vipers 6 South Melbourne 2, Sandringham 2 Box Hill Inter 4, Eastern Lions 0 Keilor Park 11 (J Chesson CR Crisostomo M Kasalo 2 B Lonigro 4), GSL 1 Eltham North 3, Ashburton 4 Heidelberg Utd 0

WPL RESERVES STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	10	10	0	0	58	3	30
Box Hill Inter	10	10	0	0	40	7	30
Keilor Park	10	7	1	2	34	12	22
Sandringham	10	6	0	4	39	13	18
Casey Comets	10	5	0	5	29	21	15
Bendigo Vipers	10	5	0	5	26	20	15
Heidelberg Utd	9	4	2	3	18	15	14
Preston Lions	10	3	2	5	19	23	11
Eltham North	10	2	1	7	9	35	7
GSL	10	1	2	7	10	28	5
South Melbourne	9	1	1	7	11	43	4
Eastern Lions	10	0	1	9	6	79	1

Telstra Dome, Friday 30th May, KO 8PM

BUENA SERRA JUVE!

The Grand Old Lady Tackles New Kids On The Block

Their histories are contrasting. Melbourne Victory, a footballing toddler in a country only recently smitten by the world game; Juventus, a side with over a hundred years of rich history in a land where the round-ball game has a long-held omnipresence. On Friday, the sides meet in a historic encounter at the Telstra Dome as part of Juventus' Costa Cruises Asia-Pacific tour.

With 51 domestic and international trophies secured in the trophy cabinet, Turin giants Juventus are Italy's most successful club. And the club's European titles (Champions League (2), Cup Winners Cup (1), Uefa Cup (3)) extend the side's success beyond Italian borders, making it a giant of European football.

Juventus' prolific history is heavily aligned with of Italy's largest and most important companies – Fiat. The tight relationship between Fiat and Juventus saw the two Italian entities grow in unison, often with a shared hierarchy as members of the Agnelli family – the founders of Fiat – filled the presidential role at the club.

Edoardo Agnelli , son of Fiat founder Giovanni, served as Juventus president between 1923-1935 and is largely credited with setting the Turin side on the path toward its monolithic status within European football. Edoardo's sons, Gianni (1947-1954) and Umberto (1955-1962) would replicate their father's presidential role while also at the helm of Fiat and further entrench the relationship between the carmaker and football side.

The strength gained from the relationship with Fiat would help propel much of the domestic and European success of Juventus. And though many of the most joyous junctures in Juventus history occurred on the European stage, one of its lowest moments also took place during continental competition.

On May 29, 1985 during the European Cup final at Heysel Stadium in Brussels between Juventus and Liverpool, 39 people were killed when a wall collapsed on Juventus supporters after they retreated as from charging Liverpool fans. Juventus eventually won the match 1-0 after it controversially continued despite the tragedy.

Dark times again fell on the Turin giants twenty years later when an Italian match fixing scandal was uncovered by Italian police in May 2006. Juventus, along with A.C. Milan, Fiorentina, Lazio, and Reggina where indicted in the scandal that blighted Italian football.

Reigning Scudetto champions, Juventus, were accused of influencing match results by selecting favourable referees for their encounters after then general manager Luciano Moggi was recorded discussing referee appointments with Italian officials.

As a result, Juventus was stripped of its 2005 and 2006 titles and relegated to Serie B. The demotion led to a mass exodus of international stars not willing to ply their trade in the second tier of Italian football. But symbolically, club captain and games record-holder, Alessandro Del Piero, would remain at the club during its stint in Serie B and would help ensure its immediate return to the top flight.

Juventus showed their resilience by returning to the Serie A at first attempt and are again enjoying better times under the guidance of former Chelsea boss Claudio Ranieri, who this season guided his the side to third in the Serie A and secured a return to the Champions League next season.

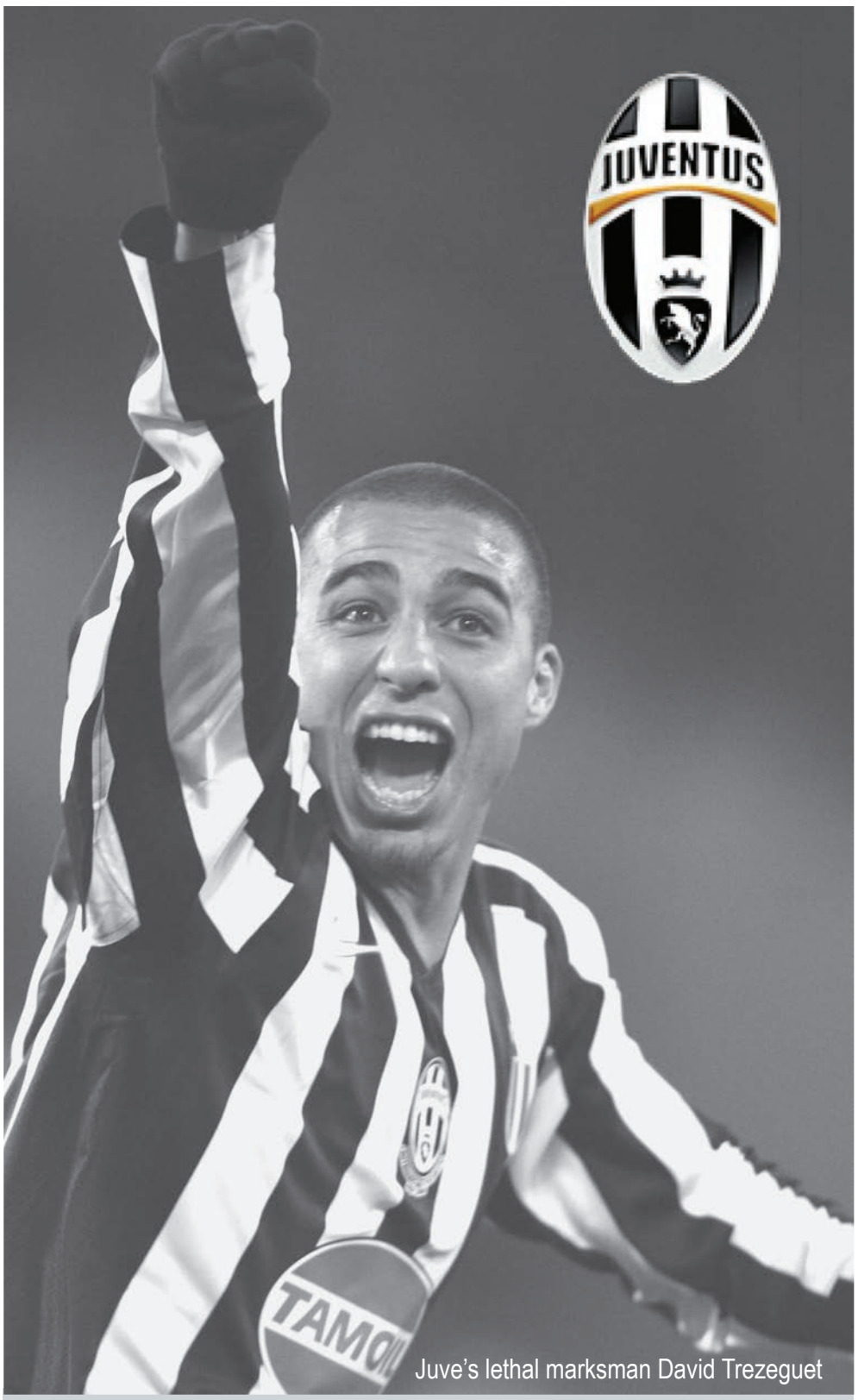
Though success has begun to return on-field for Juventus, there is still someway to go for the side to resurrect its erstwhile reputation that was tarnished during the match fixing scandal, and the 2008 Asia-Pacific tour will act as part of the side's rehabilitation.

Italian stars Alessandro Del Piero, Gianluigi Buffon, Giorgio Chiellini, Mauro Camoranesi and Vincenzo Iaquinta won't be part of the Australian sojourn due to Euro 2008 commitments with Italy. Czech stars Pavel Nedved and Zdeněk Grygera as well as Portugese defender Jorge Andrade will also be absent due to international duties.

Juventus was defeated 2-1 by South China FC in the opening fixture of the Costa Cruises Juventus Asia-Pacific Tour on Thursday, with Frenchman Jonathan Zebina netting the visitors' only goal. "I think it was a good performance," Juventus Coach Claudio Ranieri said. "It was a good match for both teams."We tried until the end of the match to draw, but well done to South China."The important thing is that there were no injuries."

Juventus was to play matches against Shanghai Shenhua and fellow Serie A outfit Parma in Shanghai on Saturday before arriving in Melbourne on Tuesday morning.

Melbourne Victory will take part in the match following their unsuccessful debut in the Asian Champions League. The exhibition match will be an upbeat way to punctuate a long and ultimately unsuccessful campaign for Victory, following which the playing squad will set off on their end of season break.



Juve's lethal marksman David Trezeguet

FAST FACTS

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HONOURS

Serie A titles: 27 times (record)
Runners Up : 19 times
Coppa Italia: 9 times (record)
Runners Up: 4 times
Super Coppa Italia: 4 times
Serie B title: 2006-07
UEFA Champions League: 1985, 1996.
Runners Up: 1973, 1983, 1997, 1998, 2003.
UEFA Cup Winners Cup: 1984.
UEFA Cup: 1977, 1990, 1993 (record).
UEFA Inter Toto Cup: 1999.
European Super Cup: 1984, 1996.
World Club Cup: 1985, 1996
Runners Up: 1973.

JUVENTUS SQUAD

Alessandro Birindelli, Tiago Cardoso Mendes, Luca Castiglia, Gianmarco Fiory, Nicola Legrottaglie, Marco Marchionni, Cristian Molinaro, Cristiano Novembre, Raffaele Palladino, Michele Paolucci, Cristian Pasquato, Andrea Rossi, Hasan Salihamidzic, Guglielmo Stendardo, David Trezeguet, Jess Vanstrattan, Carlo Vecchione, Cristiano Zanetti, Jonathan Zebina.

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AGSV WEEKEND RESULTS

Ivanhoe began Round 4 with a Friday night game at home against Mentone. The match was played with high intensity and Mentone managed the only goal for a good win. Trinity Grammar travelled down the coast to Peninsula Grammar and in terrific conditions enjoyed a 6-1 victory against a solid Peninsula outfit. In the match of the round Marcellin College took on Camberwell Grammar. A highly intense contest was finally won by Marcellin 2-1. Yarra Valley Grammar hosted PEGS, who were too strong winning 4-0. After 4 Rounds of soccer, Trinity Grammar & PEGS remain the two teams undefeated.

MENTONE 1 defeated IVANHOE 0

TRINITY 6 (Mala 2, Coughlin, Harper, Winter, Karkanis) defeated PENINSULA 1 (Alkintosh)

MARCELLIN 2 (Pasquale, Sticca) defeated CAMBERWELL 1 (Bisinger)

PEGS 4 (Nakic, Rugolino, Erdimere, Batsis) defeated YARRA VALLEY 0

NORTHERN COMMUNITY CUP

On Sunday 1st June 2008, the 2008 "Compass Northern Community Cup" proudly sponsored by Compass Recruitment will be played between Foxtel Cup participants, the Whittlesea Zebras and Preston Lions. The main game will kick off at 3.00pm.

The Mayor of Whittlesea Cr Elizabeth Nealy and the Mayor of Darebin Cr Peter Stephenson were on hand at the Press Conference held at FFV Headquarters, to promote the friendly rivalry, which was also attended by FFV CEO Mark Rendell, Compass Recruitment CEO Mark Mitchell and Director Irene Tutin and Whittlesea President Sam Cuteri and new Whittlesea coach, Ivan Jolic.

The Compass Recruitment Cup is an important message to the football and general community based in the Northern Suburbs that football is alive in the Northern metropolitan zone of Melbourne, and that the code has an important place within the community.

As a community event, the day will also be used to promote awareness toward the Whittlesea Zebras nominated charity "Convoy for Kids Inc", which is urgently raising much needed funds for a member of our community, Anthony Gray, who is now quadriplegic after a serious accident. Jan Maher, patron of Convoy for Kids, will also attend the pre match luncheon in support of the Whittlesea Zebras and Anthony's plight. Lawrence & Hanson Thomastown, a local electrical wholesaler, assisting with this initiative, will supply special armbands for the players. Ribbons will be made available to all supporters as a symbol of support towards Anthony.

Photo L to R includes: Sam Cuteri (President of W Zebras), Mark Mitchell (CEO Compass Recruitment), Irene Tutin (Director Compass Recruitment), Cr Elizabeth Nealy (Mayor of Whitllesea), Cr Peter Stephenson (Mayor of Darebin), Mark Rendell (CEO of Football Federation of Victoria)

The football carnival, will also include half time participation from the Zebras footballing family, the Whittlesea Zebras Junior Base. The winning team will be presented with the 2008 "Compass Northern Community Cup" and thus having bragging rites as the best footballing side in the north of Melbourne.

One interested participant in the encounter will be 1974 World Cup Socceroo and ex Zebras Head Coach, Peter Ollerton, who was twice a Premiership coach with Preston and a championship winning coach with the Zebras in 2004. The "Peter Ollerton" medal will be on offer to the best player on the ground at the end of the game.

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GEORGIES IN COMMAND AT TOP

Greens Falter, Stars Return To Winner's List

The Sunshine Georgies remain in top spot in State League One with a 2-0 victory over rivals St Albans, at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday afternoon. Steven Manceski and Wayne Wallace provided the goals either side of half time for the Georgies to secure their sixth win for the season, and at least another week at the top of the ladder.

The Southern Stars have jumped into second place with a fighting 2-0 win over FC Clifton Hill at Kevin Bartlett Reserve on Saturday. A goalless first half saw the nerves begin to take hold; however Sercan Doganay soon came to the Stars' rescue, scoring two goals to ensure the visitors bounced back from last week's loss to the Bentleigh Greens.

The Greens, meanwhile, have suffered a shock loss to the Springvale White Eagles falling 2-0 at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex yesterday. Springvale began well, with Kruno Stanisic scoring the opener, and the away side kept up the pressure, reaping the rewards after half time as Chris Reid opened his goal scoring account for the season with the match-sealer. The win boosts the White Eagles to equal sixth and finally breaks Bentleigh's previously unbeaten run in season 2008.

Kingston City conversely, have finally broken through for their first win since round one, defeating Keilor Park 1-0 on Friday night at The Grange Reserve in the clash of the two bottom teams. Andrew Strapelias netted the only goal of the game after a scoreless first half, leaving Keilor stranded at the bottom of the ladder.

Westgate have managed to distance themselves further from the bottom with a dour scoreless draw at George Andrews Reserve on Saturday against the Dandenong Thunder. The solitary point lifts the Thunder into clear fifth place, while Westgate hold a one point buffer over Langwarrin and Kingston to sit alone in ninth.

Looking to lift themselves into equal second with a win tonight will be the Bulleen Royals, when they take on Langwarrin at the Veneto Social Club (kick-off at 8:15pm). Key to the Royals hopes will be Saso Becvinovski and Cameron Miles, who have scored six and five goals already this season, respectively

Was it a foul? Billy Armour (Springvale White Eagles) appears to have his elbow resting on the shoulder of Alex Rojas (Bentleigh Greens) as they contest a header

By Jeremy O'Neill

Photo by John Punshon

KINGSTON WINS BATTLE OF THE CELLER DWELLERS

Kingston City 1
Keilor Park 0

The battle of the bottom was decided by a single goal scored by the home team in the 70th minute when Andrew Strapelias and by three excellent saves by the Kingston goalie. The win by Kingston and an seven week winless streak where they have conceded 16 goals and only scored 4.
The first half was unexciting with both forward lines failing to trouble the score sheet. Keilor were unlucky not to go into the half time break in the lead.
They had the only two goal scoring opportunities in the first half. In the 29th minute Keilor pumped a ball deep into the Red defence where Bill Daglis and Atef Aldif jumped for the header. The Keilor forward won the header and was running into an open goal when his team mate Carbone who was in an off-side position got to the bouncing ball first and tapped it past Mladen Tosic and the referee correctly disallowed the goal.
Nine minutes later Mladen Tosic denied Keilor the lead when he saved a long range shot which rebounded to Eldib whose point blank range shot was blocked again by Tosic for a corner.
In the second half Keilor began to push number forward and control the game. They wer quicker to the ball and began to break through the Kingston defence from mthe left flank. In the 62nd minute the ball was being headed back and forward in the Kingston eighteen yard box when it fell to Carbone who volleyed it inches past the right post.

In one of the few forward moves the ball is pushed forward to Andrew Strapelias, who has time to turn and shoot past the outstretched Maher to score for Kingston.
Two minute later Nikolic for Kingston tries his luck from about 25 meters out Maher does extremely well to get his right hand to the ball and tip it over the bar for a corner.
In the last three minutes of the game the Kingston goalie Mladen Tosic came to his side's rescue when he saved two great shots from Carbone.

By John Kakouros

SL1 Match Report

SL1 ROUND EIGHT RESULTS

Kingston City 1 (A Strapelias) **Keilor Park 0**, **Sunshine Georgies 2** (S Manceski WM Wallace) **St Albans Saints 0, FC Clifton Hill 0 Southern Stars 2** (S Doganay 2), **Dandenong Thunder 0 Westgate 0, Bentleigh Greens 0 Springvale White Eagles 2** (K Stanisic C Reid)

SL1 STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Georgies	8	6	1	1	16	5	19
Southern Stars	8	5	1	2	15	10	16
Bentleigh Greens	8	4	3	1	14	8	15
Bulleen Royals	7	4	1	2	18	8	13
Dandenong Thunder	8	3	3	2	15	8	12
St Albans Saints	8	3	2	3	12	12	11
Springvale White Eagles	8	3	2	3	11	12	11
FC Clifton Hill	8	3	1	4	13	20	10
Westgate	8	2	2	4	12	15	8
Langwarrin	7	2	1	4	8	10	7
Kingston City	8	2	1	5	7	17	7
Keilor Park	8	0	2	6	5	21	2

NEXT ROUND

Langwarrin v Keilor Park
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 3:00PM

Southern Stars v Dandenong Thunder
Ross Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 3:00PM

Sunshine Georgies v Kingston City
Chaplin Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 3:00PM

Westgate v Bulleen Royals
Ardeer Reserve
Sat 31 May KO 7:00PM

St Albans Saints v Bentleigh Greens
Churchill Reserve
Sat 1 Jun KO 3:00PM

Springvale White Eagles v Clifton Hill
Serbian Sports Centre
Sat 1 Jun KO 6:15PM

RESERVES RESULTS

Kingston City 2 Keilor Park 2 (N Baresic A Chawk), Sunshine Georgies 2 St Albans Saints 2, FC Clifton Hill 2 Southern Stars 2, Dandenong Thunder 1 Westgate 2, Bentleigh Greens 4 Springvale White Eagles 1

RESERVES STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	8	6	0	2	27	13	18
Keilor Park	8	5	3	0	21	11	18
Langwarrin	7	5	2	0	18	5	17
Southern Stars	8	4	2	2	15	11	14
Bulleen Royals	7	4	1	2	17	6	13
FC Clifton Hill	8	4	1	3	13	17	13
Sunshine Georgies	8	2	5	1	14	12	11
Westgate	8	3	2	3	10	16	11
St Albans Saints	8	1	3	4	12	15	6
Dandenong Thunder	8	1	1	6	12	25	4
Kingston City	8	1	1	6	11	25	4
Springvale White Eagles	8	0	1	7	7	21	1

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PETER ZOIS

FRANKSTON PINES FC

FULL NAME: Peter Zois
BIRTHPLACE: Melbourne
BIRTH DATE: 21/04/1978
HEIGHT: 187cm
WEIGHT: 89kg
MARRIED: Partner Kristina. We have a 5 year old daughter, Isabella.
CAR: 2007 Honda CRV Sport
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: I play and coach football full time
NICKNAME: Zoisy if you can call that a nickname
PREVIOUS CLUBS: East Richmond Jaguars, Victorian Institute of Sport, Richmond SC, South Melbourne, Nac Breda (Holland), Willem II Tilburg (Holland), Altona Magic and currently with Frankston Pines
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Represented all Victorian State team levels, V.I.S scholarship holder, U/20 Australian team and just missing out for Sydney Olympics 2000 selection due to injury
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Always has and always will be Paolo Maldini
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Paolo Maldini, C. Ronaldo and Gigi Buffon
FAVOURITE FOXTEL CUP PLAYER: Young George Lambadaridis from Altona Magic. One to watch in the future.
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: I always looked up to Jeff Olver
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: I like the way Vince Grella and Jason Culina play
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: From recent times probably my last game last season with Willem II against Ajax
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: I was ball boy at the game when AC Milan came out to play the Socceroos about 14 years ago. I got to meet the players from Milan after the game
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Believe it or not I scored 4 goals in one season with East Richmond Jaguars at U/12 level
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: The other day when they somehow amazingly forgot to play the Ghanaian national anthem and had to reschedule it for half time
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Probably not accepting a 2 year contract with MVV in the Second Division in Holland last season
WORST INJURY: Last season I had to have an arthroscope to clean around my meniscus
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I only played once against him but Zlatan Ibrahimovic is phenomenal
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: I have yet to play at all the venues but Bob Jane Stadium is a stand out so far
SUPERSTITIONS: I do not have any
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Simple, pasta
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS:
My mentality and work ethic
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Not telling
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP:
Always AC Milan
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: I love to watch and play basketball and volleyball
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Michael Jordan, Muhammad Ali and Lance Armstrong. Incredible role models.
FAVOURITE FOODS: Italian, Greek and Croatian
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman
HOBBIES: Spending time with my daughter
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:
Agia Pelagia on Crete. A great place to relax
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Back in the day Chasers on a Sunday. Many, many days ago...
IDEAL DATE: At home with my partner Kristina kicking back with a DVD
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: 24, Heroes, NCIS, Criminal Minds, Numbers and K-Ville
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Neo Soul, R&B, Hip Hop and some Lenny Kravitz
FAVOURITE FILM: Shawshank Redemption and Crash
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: It was probably a Milan top about 15 years ago
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: Not long ago I heard I was in a coma and dying
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: When I was younger my parents but now my daughter is all I need to be inspired
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing, losing and then probably losing
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To become a better player
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : I would love to meet and speak with the Dalai Lama
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S FOXTEL CUP:
Frankston Pines to stay up

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GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

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ALTONA MAGIC

MASI WORKS HIS MAGIC AGAIN!

Gully Slips To Second

A one-all draw between top of the table Green Gully and sixth placed Altona Magic, has opended the door for second placed Melbourne Knights to leapfrog the Cavaliers at the top.

It was Altona Magic who opened the scoring against the run of play, through their new striker Esala Masi. Masi only joined Altona from Frankston last week, and made it four goals from two games for his new club, by scoring against Green Gully, having scored a hattrick the previous week against Preston. Prior to that Gully had given Kiwi Striker Campbell Banks his first start for many weeks, with the absence of injured Koce Delev, and it nearly paid dividends, when a Banks shot on goal had Magic goalkeeper Bojo Jedjevic stretching and making a goalline save with his right foot. The home team didn't have to wait long for an equaliser, Manny Muscat scored his first for the 2008 season, bursting his way through a scramble in the Magic penalty area and firing a low and hard shot into the back of the Altona goal. Whilst Gully had most of the play early on, as the game went on, the level of possession by both teams balanced out, and the chances on goal dried up. Just before ha!

Iftime, the Cavaliers were rocked when Kristijan Ivesic copped an arm to the jaw from Altona's Steven Laurie, and Ivesic had to depart Green Gully Reserve immediately in search for the nearest hospital.

With Banks and Sanders up forward, Gully coach Ian Dobson had youngsters Joel Nikolic and Aziz Behich to call upon in the second half. This he did, but whilst both of Gully's young guns gave their all to make an impact, the Altona Magic defense just couldn't be broken down for a second goal. Unfortunately new Brazilian player Pedro Henrique Coelho De Oliveira is still waiting upon the Football Federations of Australia and Victoria to sort out their paperwork for transfer clearance, and will not likely be starter in the first team for another week or two. For Altona Magic, import midfielder Ryan Baldacchino did get his clearance, and did play for his new team Altona, and he was giving the home team all sorts of grief.

In the under 21's, league leading Cavaliers suffered a second consecutive home loss, 3-1 to Altona Magic.

Match Details:
Green Gully Cavaliers 1 (Manny Muscat 25m) Altona Magic 1 (Esala Masi 20m)

Green Gully:
Tilovski, K.Ivesic (J.Adam 46'), S.Burton, D.Fak, Kole Delev, J.Fleming, C.Banks, M.Sanders (J.Nikolic 62'), E.Muscat, R.Ollerton, A.Vargas (A.Behic 80').

Scorers: E.Muscat 21'.

Yellow cards: Fak 67'.
Red cards: None

Altona Magic:
B.Jevdjevic, C.Anthopoulos, S.Laurie, D.Mladenovic, H.Fa'Arado, C.Recchia, M.Curcija (A.Sherifovski 73'), P.Siveski, R.Baldacchino, E.Masi, S.Bosinovski.

Scorers: E.Masi 17'.

Yellow cards: Curcija 8', Laurie 43', Anthopoulos 48'.
Red cards: None:

Man of the match:
Steven Burton
(Green Gully)

Crowd: 900
Venue: Green Gully Reserve

By Markian Jaworsky

Photos by Daniel Flis

When you're hot, you're hot! Esala Masi picks up where he left off last weekend with a poweful header to put the Magic 1-0 up against the league leaders on Saturday. Gully's Manny Muscat equalised moments later and the scores remained 1-1 at the final whistle.

Gully's Dean Fak wins the heading dual against Pece Siveski

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FRANKSTON PINES

PINES GRABS FIRST WIN FOR '08

Bottom Placed Pines Shocks Cannons

Bottom of the table Premier League team, Frankston Pines sent their long suffering fans home with a smile on their faces, after their first win of the season, a 1-0 victory over Oakleigh Cannons at Jack Edwards on Friday night.

The Cannons, unbeaten at home all season, went into the game as a strong favourite, and whilst never dominating the first half, looked the more likely team to score. The Cannons' with their quality showing in the middle of the park, looked to get in behind the Pines' defence. Trent Waterson was proving a handful for his Frankston opponent Andy Skledar, down the left flank. Cannons defender Stelios Drakos had two of the better first half chances for the home team, including a shot cleared off the line by Pines midfielder Simon Mur.
For the Pines, strikers Danny Miller and Craig Metcalfe worked hard up front but were limited to one or two efforts from distance in front of the Cannons defence.

The visitors weathered a Cannon surge in the opening quarter of an hour of the second half which produced headers over the bar, from Tex Apostolikas and Felix Rosman. Cannons coach Munro reshuffled his pack in the 67th minute, pushing Frank Lagana into attack and Waterson infield.

The Pines' winner came without warning or build up when substitute midfielder James Reichrein's pass into the box, found an unmarked Skledar, who netted from close range. The goal sparked a frantic finale in which the Pines' Sebstian Booysen narrowly missed adding a second.
The Pines defence, led by keeper Peter Zois stood firm in the final stages and at the final whistle, the Frankston players and coaching staff lingered on the pitch, savouring every moment of their breakthrough win.

A philosophical Cannons' coach Stuart Munro said after the game, " Obviously disappointed with the result, because at the end of the day, that's five points the Pines have take off us this season. Five points at the end of the season could have a significant impact on where you finish in the league. … To lose a goal, that to me was a stupid goal, I had a go at the players because we lost a very slack goal tonight and lost a slack goal in the last minute to lose against Richmond. Really poor goals. To lose these kind of goals that cost us points is really unacceptable."

Frankston Pines coach, Doug Hodgson said after the game, "Obviously Oakleigh are a quality side. No disrespect to them, but our boys fought hard for 95 minutes tonight. A bit of fitness is coming into it." He agrees the addition of Peter Zois, Sebastian Booysen and Jason Dimozantos have strengthened the squad. " I;m still looking to strengthening the squad. Peter Zois had another outstanding game. Probably one of the best keepers in the V-League. This is the start of it. We've got to continue climbing to what we're capable of doing."

Frankston Sebastian Booysen tries desperately to clear his line away from Cannons' Milos Lujic.

Frankston's Trent Malcolm displays the scars of battle Cannons' Milos Lujic goes to ground.

Lineups:

Cannons:
Cagalj, A., Rosman, F., Drakos, S., Apostolikas, T (Nasser, R. 67'), Ewin, A., Lujic, M., Foschin, M, Lagana, F. Damianos, B, Webster, S., Waterson, T
Pines:
Zois, P, Malcolm, T. Dimozantos, J., Black, D. Skledar, A. Boosen, S., Gadjlevic, A.(Reichrein, J. 74'), Mur, S., Metcalfe, C. Miller, D.(Chiappetta, A 86')

Scorer: Skledar, A. 76'

Man of the Match: Peter Zois

Crowd: 500
Venue: Jack Edward's Reserve

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ROUND EIGHT

Seniors — NORTH WEST 2 — Reserves

Thomastown Devils 2 (O Ayache L Santilli) Brunswick City 1 (CD Sanita), Ballarat Red Devils 2 (S Digirolamo F Labakohler) Werribee City 2 (A Barbieri G Barbieri), Cairnlea 1 (M Ali Beyi) Altona East Phoenix 2 (G Iedom B Lojanica), Maribyrnong Greens 0 Altona City 2 (M Cvitkovic T Saric), Pascoe Vale 1 (M Tolli) Moreland City 0, Williamstown 0 North Geelong Warriors 1 (D Dragicevic)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	8	5	3	0	7	1	18
Altona East Phoenix	8	4	4	0	14	4	16
Ballarat Red Devils	8	4	3	1	16	11	15
North Geelong Warriors	8	4	3	1	12	8	15
Werribee City	8	3	3	2	10	8	12
Brunswick City	8	3	1	4	9	8	10
Thomastown Devils	8	3	1	4	12	12	10
Altona City	8	3	1	4	8	11	10
Williamstown	8	3	0	5	9	10	9
Moreland City	8	1	3	4	8	13	6
Cairnlea	8	2	0	6	9	17	6
Maribyrnong Greens	8	1	2	5	4	15	5

Thomastown Devils 3 Brunswick City 3, Ballarat Red Devils 0 Werribee City 4, Cairnlea 0 Altona East Phoenix 1, Maribyrnong Greens 1 Altona City 1, Pascoe Vale 0 Moreland City 1, Williamstown 2 North Geelong Warriors 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	8	7	0	1	23	8	21
Altona City	8	6	1	1	24	10	19
Thomastown Devils	8	5	2	1	20	17	17
Williamstown	8	4	3	1	17	15	15
Cairnlea	8	4	0	4	18	18	12
Brunswick City	8	3	1	4	17	12	10
North Geelong Warriors	8	3	1	4	19	17	10
Werribee City	8	3	1	4	16	14	10
Altona East Phoenix	8	3	1	4	11	15	10
Ballarat Red Devils	8	3	0	5	17	20	9
Pascoe Vale	8	1	1	6	8	18	4
Maribyrnong Greens	8	0	1	7	2	28	1

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 2 — Reserves

Doncaster Rovers 2 (F Korkaric 2) Knox City 1 (P Veljovic), Chelsea 2 (MM Chiaravalle 2) Stonnington City 1 (P Madondo), Peninsula Strikers 0 Eastern Lions 0, Casey Comets 0 South Springvale 0, Northcote City 3 (D Moshis L Paliza) Port Melbourne 1 (O KHRAPKO), Diamond Valley Utd 1 (L Minopoulos) Waverley Wanderers 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	8	7	0	1	20	5	21
Doncaster Rovers	8	5	2	1	19	8	17
Chelsea	8	5	1	2	14	13	16
Stonnington City	8	5	0	3	13	11	15
Casey Comets	8	4	2	2	11	9	14
South Springvale	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Knox City	8	4	0	4	14	10	12
Diamond Valley Utd	8	3	2	3	8	13	11
Eastern Lions	8	2	2	4	7	7	8
Port Melbourne	8	2	1	5	10	20	7
Waverley Wanderers	8	1	0	7	7	16	3
Peninsula Strikers	8	0	1	7	6	17	1

Doncaster Rovers 2 Knox City 2, Chelsea 5 Stonnington City 1, Peninsula Strikers 2 Eastern Lions 1, Casey Comets 0 South Springvale 2, Northcote City 3 Port Melbourne 2, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Waverley Wanderers 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	8	6	2	0	22	7	20
Peninsula Strikers	8	6	0	2	20	6	18
South Springvale	8	5	0	3	10	10	15
Chelsea	8	4	2	2	16	10	14
Doncaster Rovers	8	4	2	2	15	9	14
Waverley Wanderers	8	3	4	1	19	12	13
Eastern Lions	7	3	1	3	13	11	10
Port Melbourne	8	2	3	3	15	20	9
Northcote City	8	2	2	4	12	17	8
Casey Comets	8	1	4	3	13	17	7
Diamond Valley Utd	7	0	1	6	4	19	1
Stonnington City	8	0	1	7	5	26	1

Seniors — NORTH WEST 3 — Reserves

Sydenham Park 4 (D Spiteri B Trpcevski D Markovski) Laverton Park 1 (V De La Plaza), Westvale 0 Banyule City 0, Yarraville Glory 1 (M Nastic) Lalor Utd 1 (S(Papaluca), Geelong Rangers 2 (JJ Malesic J Ryan) Sunbury Utd 2 (V Ierardo H Matkovic), North Sunshine Eagles 2 (G Muslia R Isac) Lalor 0, La Trobe University 0 Geelong 2 (A Longo J Agius)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	8	5	2	1	22	10	17
Lalor Utd	8	3	3	2	14	11	12
North Sunshine Eagles	8	3	3	2	19	17	12
Banyule City	8	3	3	2	8	6	12
La Trobe University	8	3	2	3	9	10	11
Geelong Rangers	8	2	4	2	15	16	10
Westvale	7	3	1	3	12	13	10
Yarraville Glory	8	2	4	2	10	13	10
Sydenham Park	8	2	3	3	12	11	9
Lalor	8	2	5	1	10	9	8
Sunbury Utd	8	2	2	4	12	16	8
Laverton Park	7	0	2	5	8	19	2

Sydenham Park 1 Laverton Park 0, Westvale 4 Banyule City 3, Yarraville Glory 2 Lalor Utd 0, Geelong Rangers 0 Sunbury Utd 6, North Sunshine Eagles 2 Lalor 4, La Trobe University 1 Geelong 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	8	6	1	1	23	5	19
La Trobe University	8	6	1	1	20	7	19
Sydenham Park	8	5	1	2	15	12	16
Sunbury Utd	8	3	2	3	16	10	11
Westvale	7	3	2	2	13	14	11
North Sunshine Eagles	8	3	2	3	14	16	11
Yarraville Glory	8	3	2	3	16	27	11
Lalor	8	4	1	3	23	13	10
Lalor Utd	8	3	0	5	12	13	9
Laverton Park	7	2	0	5	8	18	6
Banyule City	8	2	0	6	9	20	6
Geelong Rangers	8	1	0	7	8	22	3

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 3 — Reserves

Springvale City 0 Brandon Park 2 (S Kyriazis JJ Collard), Berwick City 4 (M Nitz OA Mejias 2) Endeavour Utd 1 (S Savanah), Southern Suburbs 0 Sandringham City 3 (M Cook T Papadopoulos 2), Doveton 1 (HA Reyes) Croydon City Arrows 0, Morwell Pegasus 1 (CT Bell) Boroondara Eagles 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Morwell Pegasus	8	5	1	2	13	8	16
Boroondara Eagles	8	4	1	3	15	11	13
Berwick City	8	3	3	2	15	12	12
Springvale City	8	4	0	4	9	10	12
Brandon Park	8	3	2	3	13	10	11
North Caulfield	7	2	5	0	11	8	11
Croydon City Arrows	8	2	4	2	9	8	10
Doveton	8	3	1	4	13	18	10
Southern Suburbs	8	3	1	4	9	14	10
Sandringham City	8	2	2	4	13	13	8
Heatherton Utd	7	2	2	3	7	12	8
Endeavour Utd	8	1	4	3	14	17	7

Springvale City 1 Brandon Park 7, Berwick City 2 Endeavour Utd 3, Southern Suburbs 1 Sandringham City 2, Doveton 0 Croydon City Arrows 1, Morwell Pegasus 1 Boroondara Eagles 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Eagles	8	7	0	1	18	5	21
Sandringham City	8	6	1	1	20	8	19
Croydon City Arrows	8	5	1	2	12	7	16
Brandon Park	8	5	0	3	18	8	15
North Caulfield	7	4	0	3	13	8	12
Doveton	8	3	3	2	9	4	12
Berwick City	8	3	3	2	15	12	12
Southern Suburbs	8	3	2	3	10	15	11
Endeavour Utd	8	3	0	5	18	14	9
Morwell Pegasus	8	2	1	5	9	13	7
Heatherton Utd	7	0	1	6	4	23	1
Springvale City	8	0	0	8	4	33	0

Seniors — PROVI 1 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Glenroy 3 (T Grgic S Saric 2) Melbourne University Rangers 0, Hume Utd 1 (T Markovski) South Yarra 1 (S Crossan), Plenty Valley Lions 0 Elwood City 4 (J Oakes 2 P Nikolakopoulos IM Jones), Whittlesea Utd 0 Avondale Heights 4 (M Jancic 2 C Grasso 2), Melbourne Tornado 2 (D Luketic J Saldanha) Melbourne City 3 (JL Ventureira P Di Orio 2), Corio 0 Western Eagles 3 (I Pajic CP Mizzi M Grixti)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hume Utd	8	5	2	1	15	4	17
Western Eagles	8	5	1	2	15	8	16
Melbourne Uni Rangers	8	5	0	3	11	8	15
Glenroy	8	5	0	3	18	11	12
Whittlesea Utd	8	3	3	2	10	8	12
Avondale Heights	7	3	2	2	12	10	11
Elwood City	8	3	2	3	15	15	11
South Yarra	8	2	3	3	5	8	9
Corio	8	2	3	3	5	9	9
Melbourne City	8	2	2	4	11	14	8
Plenty Valley Lions	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
Melbourne Tornado	8	0	0	8	6	25	0

Glenroy 0 Melbourne University Rangers 2, Hume Utd 2 South Yarra 2, Plenty Valley Lions 3 Elwood City 2, Whittlesea Utd 1 Avondale Heights 4, Melbourne Tornado 2 Melbourne City 0, Corio 0 Western Eagles 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Uni Rangers	8	7	1	0	26	2	22
Plenty Valley Lions	7	6	0	1	15	6	18
Avondale Heights	7	5	1	1	18	11	16
South Yarra	8	4	2	2	17	10	14
Whittlesea Utd	8	3	2	3	12	13	11
Western Eagles	8	3	0	5	12	16	9
Hume Utd	8	1	5	2	12	15	8
Elwood City	8	2	2	4	13	17	8
Corio	8	2	1	5	8	21	7
Glenroy	8	3	0	5	15	16	6
Melbourne Tornado	8	2	0	6	9	19	6
Melbourne City	8	1	2	5	4	15	5

Seniors — PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Scotch Old Boys 0 Warragul Utd 0, Rowville Eagles 0 Old Melburnians 4 (A Carmody L Pedron T Wu PA Walsh), Mooroolbark 2 (Y Christoforou K Coe) Nunawading City 1, White Star Dandenong 2 (J Mbiya J Nsenduluka) Monash University 4 (A Mariadason R Serrano LP Johnson T Masinde), Ashburton 1 (B Jackson) Monbulk 0, Fitzroy City 4 Noble Park Utd 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	8	6	1	1	32	11	19
Monbulk	8	6	0	2	21	8	18
Fitzroy City	8	5	2	1	30	15	17
Old Melburnians	8	5	2	1	23	10	17
Nunawading City	8	5	1	2	22	11	16
Scotch Old Boys	8	3	1	4	11	16	10
Mooroolbark	8	2	3	3	14	19	9
Monash University	7	2	2	3	12	17	8
Warragul Utd	8	1	3	4	11	14	6
Ashburton	8	2	0	6	10	22	6
Rowville Eagles	7	2	0	5	8	24	6
White Star Dandenong	8	0	1	7	6	33	1

Scotch Old Boys 2 Warragul Utd 0, Rowville Eagles 1 Old Melburnians 2, Mooroolbark 2 Nunawading City 1, White Star Dandenong 1 Monash University 5, Ashburton 1 Monbulk 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monbulk	8	5	3	0	13	6	18
Nunawading City	8	5	1	2	21	8	16
Fitzroy City	7	4	3	0	21	9	15
Ashburton	8	4	2	2	13	8	14
Monash University	7	4	1	2	20	10	13
Scotch Old Boys	8	3	2	3	14	15	11
Warragul Utd	8	3	1	4	12	19	10
Noble Park Utd	7	3	0	4	17	14	9
Mooroolbark	8	3	0	5	11	15	9
Old Melburnians	8	2	2	4	11	15	8
Rowville Eagles	7	1	1	5	3	20	4
White Star Dandenong	8	1	0	7	4	21	3

Seniors — PROVI 2 NORTH WEST — Reserves

North City Lions 3 (M Schiafone C Barrientos K Ayache) West Preston 2 (M Bonafede 2), Hoppers Crossing 1 (K Bilos) Darebin Utd 0, Essendon Utd 0 Keon Park 1 (S Kalona), Bell Park 0 Collingwood City 3 (F Papoutsis A Moloney 2), Northern Falcons 4 (P Williams G Romero MA Rasile A Le Page) Melton 1 (R Antczak), Moreland Utd 6 (B Infelice A Napolitano 3 S Agius D Tiamiyu) Brimbank City 2 (V Osmanovic)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	8	6	2	0	21	9	20
Essendon Utd	8	6	1	1	16	4	19
West Preston	8	5	1	2	19	14	16
Moreland Utd	8	4	3	1	20	11	15
Keon Park	8	4	1	3	9	6	13
Hoppers Crossing	8	4	1	3	8	10	13
Northern Falcons	7	4	0	3	14	5	12
Collingwood City	8	3	2	3	13	11	11
Melton	8	2	0	6	14	19	6
Bell Park	8	2	0	6	4	18	6
Darebin Utd	8	1	1	6	6	19	4
Brimbank City	7	0	0	7	4	22	0

North City Lions 0 West Preston 2, Hoppers Crossing 3 Darebin Utd 2, Essendon Utd 0 Keon Park 0, Bell Park 0 Collingwood City 2, Northern Falcons 4 Melton 0, Moreland Utd 3 Brimbank City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Utd	8	5	3	0	23	6	18
North City Lions	8	5	1	2	17	8	16
Northern Falcons	7	4	2	1	17	10	14
West Preston	7	4	1	2	16	9	13
Keon Park	8	3	4	1	15	8	13
Collingwood City	8	3	3	2	15	13	12
Melton	8	3	2	3	11	13	11
Moreland Utd	8	3	1	4	12	24	10
Hoppers Crossing	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
Bell Park	8	2	0	6	20	17	6
Brimbank City	7	1	1	5	8	27	4
Darebin Utd	8	1	0	7	9	25	3

Seniors — PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Riversdale 3 (A Christakakis D Begg 2) Lyndale Utd 0, Whitehorse Utd 1 Mornington 1, Old Trinity Grammarians 4 (L Parisella J Del Rio 3) Caulfield Utd 2 (P Antonoulis 2), Berwick Kings 1 (J Melendez-Valdez) Keysborough 4 (J Ramalinga M Smith R Don Paul P Rodriguez), Old Camberwell Grammar 1 (L McMahon) Old Brighton Grammarians 1 (M Strintzos), Carrum Utd 2 (C Espinoza D Cori) Dandenong Sparrows 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Brighton Gramm	8	5	2	1	20	14	17
Old Camberwell Gram	8	5	2	1	12	6	17
Riversdale	7	5	0	2	21	7	15
Mornington	8	4	2	2	17	10	14
Lyndale Utd	8	4	1	3	15	15	13
Berwick Kings	8	4	0	4	7	13	12
Carrum Utd	7	3	0	4	7	5	9
Whitehorse Utd	8	2	3	3	9	9	9
Caulfield Utd	8	3	0	5	14	19	9
Keysborough	8	2	2	4	9	12	8
Old Trinity Grammarians	8	1	2	5	9	18	5
Dandenong Sparrows	8	1	2	5	3	15	5

Riversdale 2 Lyndale Utd 0, Whitehorse Utd 0 Mornington 1, Old Trinity Grammarians 2 Caulfield Utd 0, Berwick Kings 3 Keysborough 1, Old Camberwell Grammar 2 Old Brighton Grammarians 1, Carrum Utd 4 Dandenong Sparrows 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	8	7	0	1	23	11	21
Old Camberwell Gram	8	6	1	1	20	7	19
Caulfield Utd	8	5	0	3	18	9	15
Old Brighton Gram	8	5	0	3	16	9	15
Old Trinity Grammarians	8	4	2	2	18	15	14
Carrum Utd	8	4	0	4	19	21	12
Lyndale Utd	8	3	2	3	11	14	11
Mornington	8	2	3	3	18	16	9
Whitehorse Utd	8	3	0	5	8	10	9
Dandenong Sparrows	8	2	0	6	13	20	6
Keysborough	8	1	2	5	9	19	5
Berwick Kings	8	1	0	7	11	33	3

Seniors — PROVI 3 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Brimbank 1 (N Petrovski) Mill Park 1 (A Onisiforou), Epping City 3 (R Nerone G Trajanoski A De Propertis) Brunswick Zebras 1 (P Di Lizia), Moreland Wolves 6 (D Colella 3 S Wheatley J Minkevicius) Northern Utd 2 (C Dickson A Alsabri), Surf Coast 0 Watsonia Heights 0, Bundoora Utd 3 (D Chiodo NS Coyle 2) Youth Utd 2 (D Kaya E Kaplan), Ascot Vale 2 (A Barakat M Samia) Dallas Eagles 2 (A Kheddad Y Celik)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Watsonia Heights	8	6	1	1	25	9	19
Bundoora Utd	8	5	2	1	14	8	17
Epping City	8	5	1	2	22	8	16
Youth Utd	8	4	1	3	20	16	13
Brimbank	8	3	3	2	25	14	12
Brunswick Zebras	8	3	3	2	16	13	12
Ascot Vale	8	2	3	3	7	12	9
Mill Park	8	2	3	3	9	20	9
Moreland Wolves	8	2	2	4	17	22	8
Surf Coast	8	1	3	4	6	12	6
Northern Utd	8	1	3	4	6	21	6
Dallas Eagles	8	0	3	5	6	18	0

Brimbank 4 Mill Park 1, Epping City 4 Brunswick Zebras 2, Moreland Wolves 2 Northern Utd 3, Surf Coast 1 Watsonia Heights 5, Bundoora Utd 0 Youth Utd 3, Ascot Vale 6 Dallas Eagles 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	8	7	1	0	32	5	22
Watsonia Heights	8	7	1	0	29	7	22
Brimbank	8	6	0	2	19	11	18
Brunswick Zebras	8	5	1	2	21	14	16
Youth Utd	8	5	0	3	17	12	15
Moreland Wolves	8	3	1	4	21	17	10
Ascot Vale	8	2	3	3	15	17	9
Northern Utd	8	3	0	5	11	24	9
Bundoora Utd	8	2	1	5	18	20	7
Surf Coast	8	2	1	5	16	26	7
Mill Park	8	0	1	7	3	23	1
Dallas Eagles	8	1	0	7	14	40	0

Seniors — PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Dandenong City 2 (K Hasanzada Z Opsenica) Seaford Utd 3, Brighton 2 (A Greatorex 2) Keilor Wolves 3 (F Simonovski I Filipovski), Uni. of Melbourne 0 Beaumaris 2 (RA Iles DT Parry), Dandenong Warriors 1 (GE Quaremba) Noble Park 0, Eltham North 2 (C Melville 2) Bayside Argonauts 2 (G Triantafillidis 2), Endeavour Hills 1 (N Robinson) Old Carey 3 (R Stanner 2 N Mote)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	8	7	0	1	21	11	21
Beaumaris	8	5	1	2	20	14	16
Dandenong City	8	5	0	3	22	14	15
Bayside Argonauts	8	4	2	2	15	12	14
Endeavour Hills	8	4	0	4	20	18	12
Seaford Utd	8	4	0	4	14	13	12
Keilor Wolves	8	4	0	4	16	17	12
Noble Park	8	4	0	4	12	13	9
Uni. of Melbourne	8	3	0	5	12	15	9
Dandenong Warriors	8	2	1	5	15	19	7
Brighton	8	2	0	6	15	26	6
Eltham North	8	1	2	5	11	21	5

Dandenong City 1 Seaford Utd 6, Brighton 1 Keilor Wolves 0, Uni. of Melbourne 2 Beaumaris 4, Dandenong Warriors 9 Noble Park 1, Eltham North 0 Bayside Argonauts 5, Endeavour Hills 2 Old Carey 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	8	7	0	1	27	10	21
Beaumaris	8	6	1	1	36	15	19
Bayside Argonauts	8	6	1	1	21	10	19
Dandenong Warriors	8	6	0	2	25	8	18
Seaford Utd	8	3	3	2	28	18	12
Brighton	8	4	0	4	14	12	12
Keilor Wolves	8	3	2	3	16	17	11
Uni. of Melbourne	8	3	0	5	16	17	9
Dandenong City	8	3	0	5	18	21	9
Eltham North	8	2	0	6	10	26	6
Endeavour Hills	8	1	0	7	12	36	3
Noble Park	8	0	1	7	10	43	-2

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ROUND NINE FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 31st May with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

STATE NW 2
North Geelong Warriors v Altona East Phoenix
Elcho Park
Brunswick City v Williamstown
Dunstan Reserve
Moreland City v Thomastown Devils
Campbell Reserve
Altona City v Pascoe Vale
HC Kim Reserve
Werribee City v Maribyrnong Greens
Galvin Park Reserve
Ballarat Red Devils v Cairnlea
Trekardo Park

STATE SE 2
Port Melbourne v Diamond Valley Utd
SS Anderson Reserve Fri 30 May 08 8:30PM
Knox City v Eastern Lions
Egan Lee Reserve
Waverley Wanderers v Doncaster Rovers
Carlson Ave Reserve
South Springvale v Northcote City
Warner Reserve (Springvale)
Stonnington City v Casey Comets
Kooyong Reserve No. 3
Chelsea v Peninsula Strikers
HD Thomas Reserve

STATE NW 3
Geelong v Banyule City
Stead Park Reserve
Lalor v La Trobe University
RGC Cook Reserve
Sunbury Utd v North Sunshine Eagles
Langama Park
Lalor Utd v Geelong Rangers
HR Uren Reserve
Laverton Park v Yarraville Glory
Laverton Park Reserve
Sydenham Park v Westvale
Keilor Lodge Reserve

STATE SE 3
Boroondara Eagles v Brandon Park
Macleay Park
Croydon City Arrows v Morwell Pegasus
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Sandringham City v Doveton
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Endeavour Utd v Southern Suburbs
Reema Reserve
Heatherton Utd v Springvale City
Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre
North Caulfield v Berwick City
Caulfield Park Sun 1 Jun 08 3:00PM

PROVI NW 1
Western Eagles v South Yarra
Polish Sports & Rec. Centre
Melbourne City v Corio
Edwards Reserve
Avondale Heights v Melbourne Tornado
Doyle Street Reserve
Elwood City v Whittlesea Utd
Elwood Park
Melbourne Uni Rangers v Plenty Valley Lions
Princes Park Oval #2
Glenroy v Hume Utd
Strathnaver Reserve

PROVI SE 1
Noble Park Utd v Old Melburnians
WJ Turner Reserve
Monbulk v Fitzroy City
Monbulk Recreation Reserve
Monash University v Ashburton
Monash University Sports Oval
Nunawading City v White Star Dandenong
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Warragul Utd v Mooroolbark
Baxter Park (Warragul)
Scotch Old Boys v Rowville Eagles
H.A. Smith Reserve

PROVI NW 2
Brimbank City v Darebin Utd
Arthur Beachley Reserve
Melton v Moreland Utd
MacPhersons Park
Collingwood City v Northern Falcons
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Keon Park v Bell Park
JC Donath Reserve
West Preston v Essendon Utd
Oulton Reserve
North City Lions v Hoppers Crossing
Wallace Reserve

PROVI SE 2
Dandenong Sparrows v Mornington
Fotheringham Reserve
Old Brighton Grammarians v Carrum Utd
Dendy Park
Keysborough v Old Camberwell Grammar
Coomoora Reserve
Caulfield Utd v Berwick Kings
Victory Park
Lyndale Utd v Old Trinity Grammarians
Lyndale Secondary College
Riversdale v Whitehorse Utd
Frog Hollow Reserve

PROVI NW 3
Dallas Eagles v Brunswick Zebras
Ilim College
Youth Utd v Ascot Vale
Seth Raistrick Reserve
Watsonia Heights v Bundoora Utd
Gabonia Reserve
Northern Utd v Surf Coast
Anderson Reserve
Mill Park v Moreland Wolves
Findon Reserve
Brimbank v Epping City
Italo-Australian Social Club

PROVI SE 3
Old Carey v Keilor Wolves
Carey Sports Complex Wilcox Field
Bayside Argonauts v Endeavour Hills
Shipston Reserve
Noble Park v Eltham North
Norman Luth Reserve
Beaumaris v Dandenong Warriors
Beaumaris Reserve
Seaford Utd v Uni. of Melbourne
North Seaford Reserve
Dandenong City v Brighton
Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve

KINGS BLITZED

Berwick Kings 1
Keysborough 4

KEYSBOROUGH emphatically accounted for a disappointing Berwick outfit last Saturday afternoon, in a sometimes spiteful match at Betula park.

The 4-1 final score line flattered the Kings, and dealt them their fourth consecutive loss as they remain a shadow of the side who blitzed the league early by remaining unbeaten for the first four rounds.

Keysborough, playing for their season after triumphing just once thus far, responded in style, dominating play throughout the first half.

The away side came out breathing fire, intimidating Berwick physically and scoring twice in the opening twenty two minutes. In a half where everything went wrong for the out of form Kings, they also lost reliable goal keeper Phillip Weiss to injury just thirty odd minutes into the match.

Weiss, who twisted his right knee whilst blocking a powerful strike from Mitchell Smith, limped from the ground and is in serious doubt for next weeks crunch match against Caulfield United.

At the twelve minute mark Keysborough reaped the rewards from their early ascendancy, as Ryan Paul slammed home a goal from the edge of the box. Two minutes later and as the fifth free kick to Berwick was awarded, an animated referee laid down the law to the reckless Keysborough side, warning the captain to tone down their physical pressure or risk send offs.

An unimpressed Berwick coach became increasingly frustrated with his side's lack of intensity, screaming advice to his men from the sidelines.

Berwick's first genuine chance came when Juan Melendez-Valdez headed a good ball from a corner, however it was easily collected by Michel Macloll.

When Joel Ramalinga slotted one past a diving Weiss from a superb cross, Berwick were in serious trouble.

Dragan Sember tried desperately to inspire his side, showing plenty of passion, however it went unrewarded. Ryan Paul set up Deng Lual for a spectacular dribble goal immediately after, but it was controversially disallowed by the referee for off-side.

Dario Adamovic felt the physicality of the match, as he gingerly got to his feet after a heavy knock deep in his defensive half - where the majority of the first half was played.

As if things couldn't get any worse for the Kings, right on the stroke of half time Keysborough midfielder Pablo Rodriquez threaded a goal from long range past substitute keeper Slavko Peric.

Ognjen Jovanovic showed poise in the first half, however lacked team mates and polish up forward.

Action between Berwick Kings and Keysborough

The Kings came out firing in the second half, as Juan Melendez-Valdez danced around Chris Elysee to cut the margin to two goals fifty minutes into the match.

The momentum clearly shifted, and when Zdravko Kecojevic headed a ball just over the cross bar, the score could easily have been 3-2 with over thirty minutes to play. But as the ball sailed high, Keysborough rebounded strongly and when Jason Roberts brought the 51-year-old Berwick Keeper to his knees, Mitchell Smith buried the goal to seal the match for the travelling team.

Stephen Martin and Dragan Ubiparipovic were crucial in lifting the home side in the second half, as was Milorad Djordjevic when he was eventually introduced to the match.

The last twenty minutes saw an array of yellow cards as players, and at times spectators, became involved in banter as tempers flared to boiling point.

When Keysborough midfielder Pablo Rodriquez and Berwick team mates Adam Manojlovic and Dragan Ubiparipivic clashed on the sideline, the match focus shifted from football to melee mode, and the coaches became increasingly angry at their men.

Berwick had the last two genuine chances to score, both from free kicks, but when Milorad Djordjevic hit the cross bar and Zdravo Kecojevic's shot was deflected by the keeper, a 4-1 score card was secured.

The match means Berwick are engulfed in the middle of the table, forfeiting their early season advantage. Meanwhile, it lifts Keysborough out of the doldrums as they start to build their mount towards the top of the table.

Provi League SE 2

By Sam Landsberger

VALLEY TRIUMPHS OVER WANDERERS

Diamond Valley 1
Waverley Wanderers 0

Diamond Valley have still to play a game at Partington's Flat and on Saturday they entertained Waverley Wanderers at Banyule City's ground at Yallambie.

For the second week in a row the Valley triumphed by the only goal of the game, scored by one of Valley's rising stars, Leigh Minopoulos nine minutes after the break.

Both teams were committed to attack and the fans were well entertained in the opening exchanges.
Stuart Laing and Vedran Mutarbegovic pushed the home side forward with Jamie Kermanidis and Minopoulos keeping the visitors on the hop.
However they found the Waverley defence hard to pass with Andy Stavridis and Steven Pipertzis in top form.
A lot of the play was in the middle of the park David Shullberg and Sinan Aydogan saw a lot of the ball but they found it hard to break through the Valley backline where Joe Montagnesi and Eddie Awad reigned supreme.
Few clear chances were created although Minopoulos looked dangerous every time he had the ball as did Fithi Alfa for the Wanderers but half time came without a score.
Valley were straight into attack from the re-start and the deadlock was broken in the 54th.min. when Daniel Piatininzi and
Minopoulos produced the best move of the match and fittingly the latter found the net.
Waverley fought back as Valley seemed to take their foot off the pedal and they won a lot of the midfield battles but the final pass went astray or was cleaned up by the Valley defence.
Valley had their share of the ball but tended to play across the park when a more direct approach may have worked better. No real chances fell to either team but two minutes from time Waverley had a free-kick just outside the box and Silvio Kramer hit a thunderbolt which brought out the best in Nick Gountaras as he touched it over the bar.
A good result for the Valley which went into the game minus Ben Love and Tony Giuliano.
Hopefully they will have a full squad to pick from when they take on Port Melbourne on Friday night.
Valley's reserves went down narrowly by the only goal of their game. This very young team are showing improvement every week and it's only a matter of time before they get on the winner's list.

State League SE 2

By Gordon Kirkwood

CASEY DRAW

Casey Comets 0
South Springvale 0

Casey Comets were held to a draw at the Comets Stadium last Saturday in a tough bruising encounter with a South Springvale.

It was a real family day as the 18'game played before the reserves was also against South Springvale.

Australian player Vince Grella was an interested spectator as his brother Dave Grella was coming back from injury and having a run in the Souths' reserves.
The first half proved to be the better half as the Comets battled hard but only had a rasping shot from Colin Stewart that rattled the crossbar with Tony Sango in the Souths' goal stranded.
In the second half the Comets the introduction of David Terek for Stewart did nothing to change the game as Souths' mopped everything up at the back and Mark Panagmis was the playmaker in the middle of the park for them.
With thirty minutes left the Comets unveiled their new signing Thomas Vulivuli from Fiji and he brought some life into the game but he struggled with the tempo of the game but looks a real find for Coach Dale White and will only improve.
The game ended scoreless but Souths' came very close near the end as they ripped the Comets defence apart on a few occasions only to see defender Nic Agetzis and goalkeeper Robbie Acs make great stops in the Comets last line of defence.
The Casey Colts lost two nil to an experienced Souths team and Tom Gawlor was best on ground for the Colts. The Souths scored with early second half goals and then went defensive but the Colts just could not get the opening break to mount a recovery.

Next week sees the Comets away to Stonnington City and again they will be looking to secure full points to keep in touch with the top teams.

State League SE 2

By Jim Wilson

THE SLEUTH

GEORGIES TO MERGE?

Rumors are strong this week that the Sunshine Georgies who are under pressure to find a new home ground following the sale of theirs, have approached Keilor Park regarding a possible merger between the two clubs. The two clubs attempted to get together some ten years ago only to be rejected by Keilor for fear of their club being lost in the amalgamation as Sunshine City was when George Cross amalgamated with them back in the early 80's. As recent as 2001 the Georgies made a proposal to amalgamate with Altona City which would have seen the club renamed Hobsons Bay FC, but that like the earlier attempt with Keilor was rejected by the Altona members. Could it be third time lucky for the Sunshine club or will they be rejected yet again?

BLUES GOING SHOPPING?

Fawkner have been busy in the transfer market through it's committee's connections with the Apia Leichhardt coach, but none are happy with the quality of players they have brought. Club insiders have said "They are paying these players $400-$600 a week and they are not good enough for VPL, while our youth players are shuffled back down the pecking order, and they say another two players are coming." It is understood that striker Joseph Youssef asked to be released from his contract so he could join South Melbourne who expressed interest in signing Youssef, Fawkner has reportedly refused to release the striker. Another two senior players have expressed their desire to leave the club in the wake of it's poor position in the league.

DAD'S ARMY FC

Your only as old as you feel must be the new motto at Western region club Sydenham. The squad is looking like a legends team line up with the likes of Johnny Markovski, Tony Necevski, Steve Stojanovski, Darryl Spiteri in the team, but wait there's more. Former Gully star mid fielder Lubo Lapsansky has been linked with a return to first team football with Sydenham, if Lubo isn't over 35 I'll go heave!

DOES MY BUM LOOK BIG IN THIS?

So what happens when a club wears their away strip at home and the visitors have the same colors? You would think the referee would instruct the home team to wear the colors named in the club directory or risk forfeiting the game. But not during an Ascot Vale v Bundoora match will this common sense solution be applied. The referee actually instructed the visiting team to change their strip or risk forfeiting, despite the fact that the home reserves team had the correct kit on but the seniors opted to wear their away kit. Luckily the Bundoora manager who had been stung once before in a similar situation who sensed something wrong when he walked past the home teams dressing room earlier, called for the other kit to be sent to the ground.

TAKE IT EASY FELLA!

Women in uniform has seen one State League 2 coach jumping out of his skin , but not for the obvious reasons. Apparently the coach was so incensed with her decisions during the game that he let go with a barrage of insults and had to be restrained from approaching her after the game. The FFV will no doubt investigate and take action.

ROVERS EDGE OUT KNOX

Doncaster Rovers 2
Knox City 1
(Half-time 2-1)

Doncaster Rovers edged out Knox city by the odd goal in three in a high quality game played under lights on Friday night. A draw would have been a fairer result.

All goals were scored from set pieces in the first half. Knox dominated the half only to find itself a goal behind at the break. Playing attacking football, the visitors created the better of the chances, took an early lead and could have made life very difficult for Doncaster had the referee failed to award an obvious penalty in the 12th minute when Grubic was clearly pulled back when clear on goal.

On the attack from the start, Knox was awarded a free kick 20 metres out. Peter Veljovic stepped up and drilled his shot into the corner of the net.

Kerr then made a great run past two defenders only for his cross to be scrambled clear.

The game turned in three minutes midway through the half. Doncaster won a free kick in a similar position to the one from which Knox scored and Korkaric was equally as proficient as he too found the corner of the net. Then Edgar was adjudged to have fouled Dias in the area and Korkaric scored his second with a scruffy penalty that Jorgensen got hands to but just failed to keep out.

Buljabasic for Knox and Petridis for the home side both missed with headers as the half drew to a close.

The first 20 minutes of the second half was largely played in the middle third as neither side was able to assert any superiority. However, as Knox committed more players forward the game started to open up as gaps appeared.

A Veljovic free kick went begging as it flashed across the Doncaster goal needing only a touch. At the other end, Jorgensen went full length to keep out a long range shot from Ardesi.

Jorgensen then made two brilliant saves, at full stretch from Dias, and then out to block Alinejad's effort to keep Knox in the game.

A further penalty appeal for Knox was turned down when Hingert was impeded in a similar fashion to the penalty awarded for Doncaster.

By this stage, the game was getting quite willing as both sides became desperate for the points. Doncaster finished up with six yellow cards but they held on to take all three points to keep the pressure on the top two teams. Knox slipped to 4th and needs to get its season back on track quickly.

In the opening game, Knox City Reserves scored with almost the last kick of the game to grab a 2-2 draw and preserve their unbeaten record.

Doncaster Rovers: M. Torcasio, J. Petridis, D. Jugovic, M. Kustura (D. Iacovitti – 20th), M. Santoro, R. Bresciano, R. Ardesi (D. Sahinidis -75th), S. Alinejad, R. Dias, S. Murat (Z. Stefanidis – 85th), F. Korkaric. Subs not used: M. Dal Ben, D. Ciric.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, A. Edgar, C. Kerr, P. Veljovic, J. Hingert, Z. Martinez, Z. Buljabasic, L. Grubic (C. Jones – 55th), A. Saunders, J. Valadon (M, Hoogendyk -50th) P. Nedza. Subs not used – W. Stolke, K. McEvoy.

State League Div 2 SE

By Bruce Darnell

THUNDER FAILS TO GET OVER WESTGATE

Dandenong Thunder 0
Westgate 0

Dandenong Thunder missed the chance to close the gap on the front-runners in State League Division One, with a 0-0 home draw against Westgate on Saturday afternoon.

The visitors set out to frustrate the home team in the first half by flooding the midfield and playing with lone striker Bobo Pajic.

The plan worked a treat in the first half with Pajic and the lively Robert Trajanovki exposing a lack of speed in the Thunder defence.

For the Thunder, striker Ryan Davidson missed a couple of good chances in the first half, including a header from a set piece and a chance coming from Westgate keeper Mario Roza's miss kick. Davidson however sprayed his left foot shot wide.

The home team dominated possession in the second half pinning the tiring visitors back in their own half and creating several half chances. Mohammed Alsaksan went close to adding to his goal of the previous week however his shot was cleared off the line. For Westgate, Pajic could have pinched it at the end however Dandenong keeper Yehay Dimassi saved the striker's header.

Westgate coach, Bobby Vulovic, said afterwards, "We had our chances to win, but I'm happy with a point. They're a good team Dandenong. I'm really proud of my boys today. We closed them down, didn't give them space. I'm over the moon to get a point and stop the slide of the last couple defeats."

Thunder coach Zoran Trajceski said afterwards, " We deserved the win, but if you don't score..Westgate are a team that if you give them something to fight for, they will fight hard. They fought today and they deserve a point. But it's disappointing. We put pressure on them, had a lot of chances but didn't put them away."

State League One

By George Stogiannou

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Thunder's former Young Socceroo Joe Dilorio tries to get past Westgate's Miroslav Lunt

BRUNSWICK' S APATHY PUNISHED BY THE DEVILS

Brunswick City 1
Thomastown Devils 2

A lack lustre and at times naïve Brunswick team were outsmarted by a Thomastown team who appeared tactically and technically more capable on the night.

Although Thomastown did not have the lion share of the possession their quick transitional play, tight ball control and disciplined approach on the big, dew covered pitch proved to be too good for a Brunswick team that lacked the 'engine' for this size ground. Ciantar made only one change to the team that drew 0-0 against Pascoe Vale the previous week, that being Gonullu for Prossimo.

Brunswick appeared to get off to a great start in the first minute win Cicchiti who was wide on the right rounded his opponent and put in a great cross to Daniel Sadik who hit his shot first time. The cracking shot which was on target forced Di Napoli to make his first save of the night. Three minutes later Thomastown made Brunswick pay for their ineptness in the back when an innocuous free kick into the penalty box saw two headers won by the 'Devils' strikers. The last header being that of Omar Ayache whose header skidded into the net. Brunswick picked up the tempo whilst Thomastown were content to sit back and break hard on the counter. In the 26' a defensive error by the Thomastown defender allowed Stafrace to pounce onto a misguided header. Stafrace seeing Di Napoli off his line attempted the lob but just overhit his shot as the ball sailed over the crossbar. Brunswick were again left to rue the missed chance as a turnover in the middle of the park by J.Vouloumanos in the next minute saw the ball fall free to 20 year old Luca Santilli who calmly slotted the ball passed Dimitropoulos. Nothing appeared to be going right for Brunswick as another quality chance just before the main break by Gonullu saw Di Napoli make a superb save.

Ciantar's half time address must have hit home as the visitors came out and lifted a gear immediately. Gonullu again pounced onto a defensive error in the 46' only to be denied again by the 'Devils' custodian. Brunswick got back into the game in the 53' when Sanita latched onto a corner glancing his header passed Di Napoli. Brunswick continued to pound forward but the large pitch and heavy conditions were taking their toll on the visitors. Their over exuberance in getting forward was almost punished in the 55' as Cicchiti headed a goal bound attempt off the line. It was clear that Brunswick wanted to push forward but their lack of finesse with their final touch and crosses proved costly. Too many passes missed their targets, the control at times was poor and Brunswick's crossing was very deplorable. They will need to make a dramatic improvement if they want to make 'northbound' movement on the ladder in the coming weeks.

Goalscorers:Omar Ayache 4' and Luca Santilli 27' (Thomastown), Chris Sanita 53' (Brunswick).

Best: Danos, Gorcevski, Jackson, Sanita

Line up:Dimitropoulos, J.Vouloumanos, Jackson, Danos, Sanita, Cicchiti , (C.Vouloumanos 89') Gorcevski, Gonullu , Stafrace (Prossimo 73'),Daniel Sadik (Karas 63') , Dennis Sadik (O'Brien 84')

Reserves

The reserve team took part in a thrilling 3-3 draw with Spiro Athanasopoulos scoring a brace (2) and John Tsaboukas being the solitary goalscorer.

State League 2NW

By Elias Simopoulos

Nick Ward (right) with Daniel Allsopp during the AFC campaign.

BOO'S WORLD With Mark Boric

There was a debacle with the Ghanaian national anthem in the international friendly in Sydney last Friday. With the players lined-up, no sound was forthcoming, and it wasn't until half-time that the anthem was finally heard. A quick thinking Public Address operator would have had Toto's Greatest Hits in the CD player within seconds and given Africa a run instead.

It's another incident in the catalogue of anthem blunders, the most notable being a World Cup Qualifer against Israel in which the German anthem was played instead, I'm guessing because there was no Fiddler on the Roof soundtrack available. Of course the most recent Australian World Cup campaign saw the Uruguayan anthem drowned out by people chanting my name.

I also recall reading about a game in England in which a visiting Soviet team had the Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen instrumental Midnight Over Moscow played rather than the actual anthem of the U.S.S.R. Now the Ball track is a classic, but then again when belted out by Nikolai Volkoff in the WWF in the 1980's, the U.S.S.R. tune was pretty memorable too.

Manchester United are champions of England and Europe. The European crown came via the dreaded penalty shoot-out. Cristiano Ronaldo provided the ironic miss, John Terry slipped and hit the woodwork. In the end it was a lazy effort from Nicolas Anelka, who's had more money spent on him by club's than many nations Gross Domestic Product for the last ten years, which decided it.

Closer to home it was Victory in Asia, but not for Melbourne. Adelaide United became the first Aussie side to reach the second stage of the Asian Champions League. Their next opponents will be Japanese outfit, Kashima Antlers. I wonder if their fans have funny foam antler headgear? What am I saying, they're mad them guys, you only have to watch their gameshows to see that, so of course they do.

Nicky Carle's Bristol City were defeated by Richard Garcia's Hull City in the Play-Off Final for a place in the EPL. I've always been a fan of the way the Aussie media has made it seem as if their clubs are the sole property of our players. In other news, Liverpool is no longer Harry Kewell's.

Adelaide United will be looking to pull a rabbit out of the hat when they face Kashima Antlers in the ACL quarter finals.

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KATSA'S KORNER With George Katsamboukas

KATSA'S KORNER
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PAINTING THE TOWN RED

Another Champions League has been won and lost with Manchester United defeating Chelsea on penalties in not so sunny Moscow last week.

Rumour has it that 5000 'Happy End" girls descended into Moscow to "accommodate" the many punters that flew in for the game from the UK.

Pity Sir Alex Ferguson and Co chose to wear the White Tracksuit Jackets for the big occasion once again; these are better suited to a filming of Aerobics Oz Style.

SHOCK OF THE SEASON

Over to the Foxtel Cup we go where the Frankston Pines opened up their account for 2008, defeating the Oakleigh Canons at "Jack's Place" on Friday night, which would have to go down as one of the upsets of the season so far.

Did anyone grab any of the $7 that was on offer from the UK bookmakers?

AZZZZZT

The Richmond Eagles played the AIS last weekend in Canberra and the word coming out of the Richmond Camp was that Canberra is about as exciting as watching J Walker ferment in the Vat's.

Lads I understand where you are coming from as I had the misfortune of spending a week there some 2 years ago.

ACT nightlife...Boom! Boom!

Casino opening hours are 6PM, Night Clubs are as scarce as ashtrays at the Quit Campaigns Offices, and should you bump into anyone at a Bar, do not waste your time to ask them what they will do for a living.

99.9% of the answers that you will receive are that "I work as a Public Servant"

On the Up Side though is the $17.50 New York Sirloin Steak available at the Hellenic Club, in a word, it's quality!

Thankfully J Walker was with me on this very boring trip.

Hopefully for Boo, the ground where this Game was played on had high fences so as he did not have to use his Monash Freeway Ball fetching skills interstate also.

WINDASS BLOWS BRISTOL AWAY

Hull and Bristol City played for a place in the EPL, with Hull earning a 'Happy End" with a cracking goal from Windass.

Windass is a very interesting character with a "Billy Idol" hair dye gone wrong and I'm told that he is on the wrong side of 30.

Hull has been around for 104 years and they now find themselves in with the "Big Boys" next season.

Certainly a great achievement given that they have had risen up through the lower leagues in quick succession, and Melbourne Victory's Danny Allsopp once played for them many moons ago and was in fact, their top goal scorer.

Until next week

This is Katsa – Just as you've known him.

And remember, where logic ends, Katsa begins.

One of the many highlights from Richmond's recent trip to Canberra to play the AIS.

TSIGAN'S TSIGAR

With Mike Lilikakis

CENTURION

There's only a few of the old legion left but thankfully for you worthy plebeians, they always come through with the goods. Costa Koutropoulos and his band of merry men from the 16th Cohort have found good fortune, exhibited keen opportunism, taken everything for granted, and shown quality beyond compare just like a U-Boat on reconnaissance mission in the Atlantic to bring to you fresh, home made brew delivered smack bang in your lair.

Hopefully the GW will be able to recruit more Captains and Generals to the 16th, and give the public a proper dose of petrol to fan the flames of football gossip, stats and Bella Figura. I'm personally going to give Jeff Kennett and Zlatko Arambasic a hoi and try to convince them a la Omar Suarez style, that the football community needs more from the higher echelons of serfdom.

GANDALF ISH

I'd love to see Shaun Micallef take a poke at the football world. There hasn't been a funnier bloke in shtick since Mel Brooks perfected it in History of the World Part 1.
Before that there was only Groucho. I wish he was still around. Nobody did it like Groucho. Sure Chico was funny, and Harpo was awesome. Zeppo never did it for me. Too Mickey Finn. Groucho would undoubtedly take George Bush to town, and frankly, Groucho would make a better President. He would rename the USA, "Fruitopius".

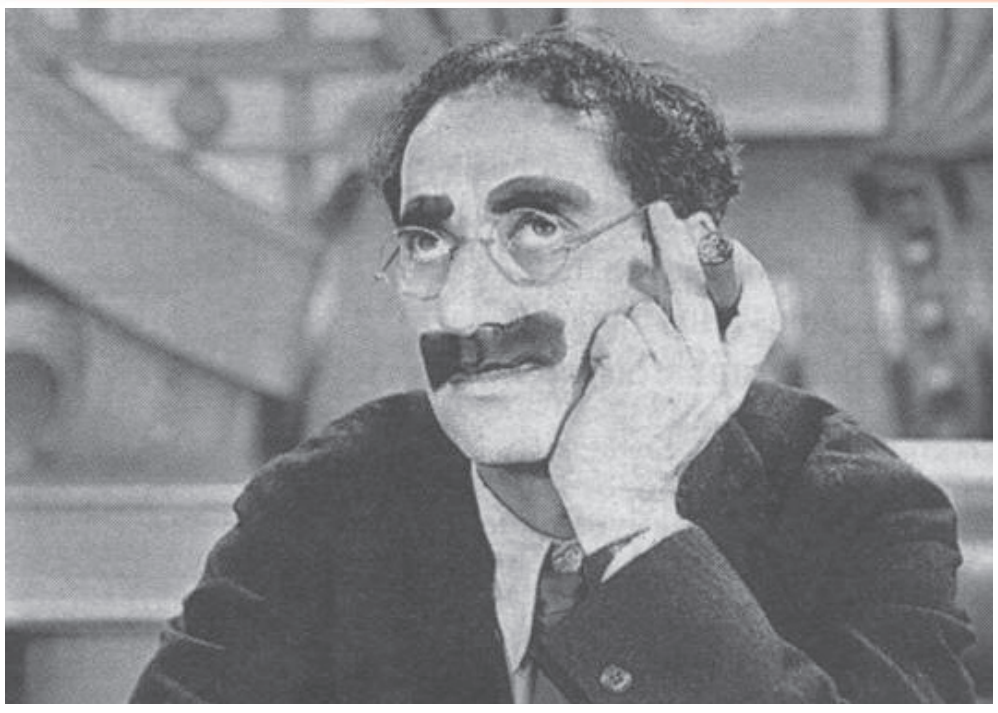
I think we should all do a splash and have a "Grey Hair Day" to raise awareness and cash for the oldies. I MEAN THEY COME INTO THE CITY WITH JUST THEIR UNDERWEAR!!!! People, WAKE UP!!! They don't have clothes, the meals and service in the "homes" is nay short of Waffen SS, and we all know where those two factors lead to.
Ye ol'Anarchy.

The last time the pensioners revolted, they ended up running the country. Sir Robert Menzies testified that, "…because the more experienced, more understanding element of society understands that the sacrifice of the youth enhances one's culture and country, forming legend. This country needs to identify itself with legends." Yeah, I completely made that up. Sir Robert isn't around to wag the finger or raise an eyebrow.

Dead set legends? Ask the dudes who ended up being drafted. Then Harold Holt said, "It's all the way, with LBJ", and more younglings went off and got shot at in the jungle, sometimes it makes me wonder how we keep from going under.

EYE PEEL

Love my cricket.
If I wasn't forced with a gun to my head to play football, I would've gone to cricket like a carrying pigeon goes home to roost in Bavaria. The Indians have their new, cashed up, dolby digital, technicolor, LucasFilm Bollywood League. Yeah I know that there are the few heathen minions who love their twenty-twenty bollocks, but to us purists the TEST CRICKET is where the men get separated from the sheilas who scream Green Ganges every time things don't go their way.



TEST.

n & v. n 1. a critical examination or trial of a person or thing's qualities. 2 the means of so examining, a standard for comparison: Hoc. There is nothing in twenty-twenty which will encapsulate this compared to a proposed five day isoseismal isoseismic. Put that in yer pipe and smoke it. There's no boorish elderly chaps sitting back smoking Pall Mall, sipping their brandies and English breakfast tea with scones and lamingtons, no Pommie players, no Barnesy, well we could do without Barnesy.

Thankfully I'm getting what little enjoyment one may get because of the Frank Worrell Trophy. I wish I could've been there with Big Merv, Kerry and Dougie ripping the strip with Ziggy, Curtly and Sir Viv. Calypso is alive, even though Melbourne frostbite has kicked in watching the cool runnings of the isle of St Cruz, Jamaica, Barbados and dipping in the Blue Lagoon with Brooke, even though her name is Joanne.

The Ashes are on next year and the plan of attack is to be there at Lords. Where else? Five days (though we'll probably do it in 3) of Toff, Broth and ASDA half time stops.
If it is anything like 2005, it will serve as a great tonic before we truly restore the crown of greatness back on the brow of the mighty Kangas, by beating the Poms this time round at the "home" of cricket for THE ASHES.

Face it. The Poms lent the Indians the game on the pretext that because there was nothing else to do on a 40 degree day but sip Ceylon Tea and watch the beggars go by, they might make themselves useful by chasing the balls to the boundary and retrieving them. There's a good lad. Now the Pun Jab's have nothing better to do but get American in attitude and destroy the fabric of a time honored tradition by pumping blood money mixed with vindaloo into it.

If TEST CRICKET dies, so will the game.

I'm not racist.
I dislike everyone equally and hate myself more than anyone I know.
No, I don't care that this is a football mag, I have certain liberties and I will exercise that Democratic Right under the 5th Amendment or Element.
No, I don't care the 5th isn't here under this Constitutional Monarchy.
I love the Monarchy however. The Queen is wonderfully stuck up, pompous and regal and the King is called Duke.
Pity his first name isn't Marma.

ARF WEE

The VPL is shaping up for a tighter than usual top sixer. On current trends, and if no one gets a mega blaster sub woofer type of run, only a game will separate the top three and the bottom end of the top half will find a snick between sixth and fourth. Has the standard improved? Have the games lived up to expectation? Is Takis Sviggos going to makew a comeback? Will Vas Kalogerakos abbreviate his name to Vas Kal and stop the vast ocean of Greek surname spilling over the team sheet pages which have to be submitted to the FFV on game day?

So let us do a wee bitter football prognostication.

According to the Tsigan FC YellowTooth CPU Stat Master 101; Gully will be Minor Premiers, the Knights won't lose a game, Richmond will score over 60 goals, Oakleigh will be happy to be there and hope for the best, Heidelberg will freak people out with Jeff Olver taking over by Round 20 and Altona will do an Adelaide City without Zoran Matic.

The Cardozo Brothers will bring back the spirit of the Waugh's and try and see who gets to 20 tacos first. My money is on Pablo, because his name is Pablo. Cags will be 'keeper of the year', Johnny Weissmuller will take the Warren Medal and Paul Harris will care take everyone who wants to be taken care of after they bomb hard.

Frankston will go pining after the Fjords like a good Norwegian Blue does, but will bounce back with Springvale White Eagles in 3 years time. The sun will shine again at Georgetown, and the grass will be green and lush again at Bentleigh. Maybe the Red Bulls at ex-Grollo.com will have to wait for another spell and hope Vesnaver and Tiatto pull the boots back on for a mad dash at the Veneto.

ROOM ERR

Last but not least, a little boidy from Joisey told me that Richmond Allemagne coach Maik "The Chatz" hatzi triff on us, was nearly mauled by an eye rate Bruce Willis die hard Cannons fan. Apparently "The Chatz" walked past the arbeit macht frei fenceline after the Oakleigh win, and signed off towards this fan with an old el Greco "Gamma" symbol, a la Alf R. Bette.

In prac, rather than theory, this symbol is used only when you want to insult someone under the auspice of their mother giving birth via the Suez Canal, and also by various Egyptians who get sprung attending party's but weren't invited on account of them being Egyptian, but not Pharoah-esque.

Tut tut.
Word of wise to the coaches.
Hit the spectators.
Don't insult their mothers.
Datsa no nice.

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ADELAIDE UTD MAKES HISTORY

AUFC PUTS OZ ON ACL MAP

Adelaide United FC has become the first Australian team to qualify for the second phase of the AFC Champions League after escaping with a 0-0 draw with Chinese champions Changchun Yatai in a drama filled match at the Changchun City Stadium which has re-written the record books of Australian Football History.

And the script couldn't have been written any better as leading into the game The Reds needed either a draw or a win to remain top of Group E and progress to the next round, while for the Chinese side it was a must win to overtake Adelaide who sat top of the table.

The match began with a minutes silence for the Chinese earthquake victims as a mark of respect for the thousands of lives lost, but the determination of the Chinese was obvious once the game started. Within the first 5 minutes a dream start almost came true for the Chinese, as Changchun's Du Zhenyu caught The Reds out following an Adelaide corner. Just as it looked to be a certainty that the ball would go in for their first goal, the ever-reliable Richie Alagich came to the rescue, clearing it off the goal line. This set the trend for the majority of first 20 minutes, United forced to defend bravely as the Chinese home-side mounted their full throttle waves of attack, their quick pace clearly troubling the SA team at times. Adelaide did have their own chances through runs from Travis Dodd, his first coming to an end after being brought down in the box by Changchun's captain Samuel Caballero, but on the receiving end of a yellow card for diving. The second came shortly after, Dodd again with a great run, getting the ball to Lucas Pantelis but his shot going over the bar. The Reds luck almost ran out when a free kick was taken about 30 metres out by Changchun's Zadi Dah, the shot catching out United's keeper Galekovic but hitting the post keeping the score board at 0-0 as the sides went in for the half time break.

Seven minutes into the second half it was Pantelis again that found himself with opportunities, almost scoring in the 52nd minute and on his way in the 69th minute, beating Changchun's defence but being brought down from behind by midfielder Malkem who earned himself a yellow card. The desperation of the Chinese Champion side was increasing as each minute ticked away, challenging Adelaide United with whatever they had to somehow score that elusive goal they needed. But much to their and the 15,000 strong home crowd dislike, the Adelaide side had built their own great wall in China, with strong defensive roles being played out by veteran Angelo Costanzo, Sasa Ognenovski, Milan Susak and outgoing Richie Alagich. United's keeper Eugene Galekovic worked hard throughout the match, crucially called upon in the 90th minute to prevent the Chinese from scoring, as did galiant Ognenovski, heading a ball away off the goal line in the final stages of the match. As the Malaysian referee blew the final whistle, United fans everywhere celebrated their side becoming the inaugural Australian team to qualify for the quarter finals of the Asian Champions League. The result was a fitting end to 34 year old defender Richie Alagich's career and his last match for United, being chaired off the field by his team mates in a gesture that signified what he means to his peers and the club. The result was even sweeter considering United's preparations were less than ideal leading into the crunch game with a number of players fighting injury and illness, and the postponement of the match by a day. However, the delay was a blessing in disguise for The Reds who looked better for the extra day's preparation

Adelaide United players chairing off Richie Alagich in his last match.

After the game, United Coach Aurelio Vidmar was both ecstatic and relieved.

"To get a result like this and to get through to the Quarter Finals is an incredible achievement. I'm extremely proud, they gave everything they had tonight," he said.

"It was an extremely difficult game. The plan was to try and keep Changchun quiet in the first 20 minutes but they were on a roll and it was hard to counter, but we kept at it for 90 minutes and it was a tremendous effort."

United's great achievement however, turned to bitter sweet as home town fans turned on them through frustration and disappointment that their side's ACL campaign was now over. An ugly incident after the match where Kristian Sarkies was hit in the face by a metal object thrown from the crowd as the players headed for the tunnel.

"First thing I thought was that my teeth had been knocked out," he said. "I touched my mouth and saw blood – that's when I thought it was serious."

"That was a disgrace and it's not good enough. Lucas went to take a corner as well in the second half and bottles were thrown and it was very surprising," Vidmar said.

"We had to contend with a lot of adversity but what I was really pleased about was that the boys brushed it all aside and just got on with the job. Their approach to the last three or four days here has been first class."

Football Federation Australia (FFA) Chief Executive Officer Ben Buckley publicly recognised the Adelaide United Football Club for their outstanding efforts.

"On behalf of the FFA Board of Directors and Chairman Mr. Frank Lowy, I would like to congratulate the Adelaide United Football Club, especially owner Nick Bianco, Chairman Dario Fontanarosa, coach Aurelio Vidmar and all the players, on their historic achievement."

Adelaide United topped Group E on 14 points and now face Japan's Kashima Antlers in the Quarter Finals of the AFC Champions League 2008 in Japan on Wednesday 17 September 2008 before the second leg will be held in Adelaide a week later on September 24. The 2008 AFC knock-out stages are played over two legs (home and away) with the first being scheduled for September 17 and 24, the semi-finals on October 8 and 22, with the finals to be played on November 5 and November 12.

By Nat Adamopoulos

Photo by Adam Butler

AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2008

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
KURUVCHI FC (UZBEKISTAN)	6	4	1	1	8	2	6	13
AL ITTIHAD FC (SAUDI ARABIA)	6	3	0	3	6	5	1	9
SEPAHAN (IRAN)	6	2	1	3	5	8	-3	7
AL ITTIHAD (SYR)	6	2	0	4	4	8	-4	6

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
SAIPA (IR IRAN)	6	3	3	0	7	3	4	12
AL QUWA AL JAWIYA (IRQ)	6	2	2	2	5	5	0	8
AL WASL SPORTS CLUB (UAE)	6	2	1	3	5	7	-2	7
KUWAIT SC (KUWAIT)	6	1	2	3	4	6	-2	5

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
AL KARAMA (SYR)	6	3	2	1	8	3	5	11
AL WAHDA (UAE)	6	2	3	1	6	7	-1	9
AL SADD SPORT CLUB (QATAR)	6	1	3	2	6	8	-2	6
AL AHLI (SAUDI ARABIA)	6	0	4	2	5	7	-2	4

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
AL QADSIA (KUWAIT)	6	3	2	1	8	7	1	11
PAKHTAKOR (UZBEKISTAN)	6	3	2	1	13	6	7	11
ARBIL (IRAQ)	6	2	2	2	8	11	-3	8
AL GHARAFA (QAT)	6	0	2	4	3	8	-5	2

Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
ADELAIDE UNITED FC (AUST)	6	4	2	0	9	2	7	14
CHANGCHUN YATAI FC (CHINA)	6	3	3	0	10	3	7	12
POHANG STEELERS(KOR)	6	1	2	3	6	7	-1	5
BINH DUONG FC (VIETNAM)	6	0	1	5	4	17	-13	1

Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
KASHIMA ANTLERS FC (JAPAN)	6	5	0	1	28	3	25	15
BEIJING GUOAN FC (CHINA PR)	6	4	0	2	14	9	5	12
KRUNG THAI BANK (THAILAND)	6	2	1	3	20	27	-7	7
NAM DINH FC (VIETNAM)	6	0	1	5	4	27	-23	1

Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
GAMBA OSAKA (Japan)	6	4	2	0	14	8	6	14
MELBOURNE VICTORY FC (AUST)	6	2	1	3	10	11	-1	7
CHUNNAM DRAGONS (KOREA REP.)	6	1	3	2	8	10	-2	6
CHONBURI FC (THAIL)	6	1	2	3	7	10	-3	5

QUARTER FINAL DRAW

Saipa (Iran) vs Kuruvchi (Uzbekistan)
Kashima Antlers (Japan) vs Adelaide Utd (Aus)
Al Qadsia (Kuwait) vs Urawa Reds (Japan)
Al Karama (Syria) vs Gamba Osaka (Japan)

MELBOURNE VICTORY IN ASIAN SWANSONG

Melbourne Victory finished its final Asian Champions League match on a high last week when they defeated Chonburi FC 3-1 to finish second on the Group G table.

It was one of the few positives which has emerged from the Victory's inaugural foray into Asian's top club competition; the A-League side amassing a disappointing total of seven points in the group from a possible 18.

Two wins and a draw were all the Victory could muster from their Asian outings and the side finished well behind unbeaten Group G winners Gamba Osaka who progressed with 14 points.

Drawn in the ACL 'Group of Death', the Victory were expected to struggle throughout the campaign, with Thai champions Chonburi FC, J-League giants Gamba and Korean F.A. winners Chunnam Dragons proving tough opposition throughout the group stage.

Victory made a dream start to the campaign when they downed Chunnam 2-0 on home soil in the opening fixture, but the 2006-7 A-League champions' season quickly spiralled downhill; the side losing three matches in a row.

Rooted to the bottom of the table after four matches and out of knock-out stage contention, the Victory were determined to regain pride heading into their final two fixtures, but second place looked unlikely with the side struggling to find form when it counted.

But a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Chunnam in match day five and the 3-1 defeat of Chonburi last Wednesday left the Victory in a more respectable position.

Victory manager Ernie Merrick highlighted the fact that whilst the Champions League had been a tough and gruelling assignment for his players, his side had learned much from their first experience against quality Asian opposition.

Merrick admitted that the Victory now fully understands and appreciates the standard, discipline and quality of football on Australia's neighbouring continent.

Merrick further underlined that his side's recovery in the later stages of the competition had gone a long way in making the final result more rewarding and it was great to finish on a high note.

Although Merrick conceded Gamba Osaka were the deserved Group G winners, he was consigned to thinking what might have been if the Victory had had their full strength side out on the park for every match of the campaign.

Both marquee player Archie Thompson and Costa Rican striker Carlos Hernandez missed four and three games respectively, and both were absent for the decisive clashes with Gamba after they suffered injuries early in the tournament.

They both returned to action in the final match against Chonburi, and they highlighted Merrick's lament at not having them available throughout the campaign, by scoring a goal apiece.

Socceroo Archie Thompson stole the show for the Victory, scoring one and setting up another for Costa Rican team-mate Carlos Hernandez, with a fine 30 minute display.

Making his first appearance since March when a nasty tackle in the Socceroos' match against China left him sidelined with damaged knee ligaments, Thompson would have pleased national coach Pim Verbeek who was watching from the stands.

A second-half substitute, Thompson played a pivotal role in the Victory's second and third goals and the game's overall outcome.

His diagonal run onto Danny Allsop's superb through ball saw the Australian international round Chonburi 'keeper Kosin Hathairattanakool to finish into an empty net, after just four minutes on the pitch.

The Victory had the ball in the back of the net for a third time just 5 minutes later, but Rodrigo Vargas' effort was disallowed by Jordanian referee Salem Mujghef after the Victory defender was deemed to have fouled his marker.

But there were no doubts about Carlos Hernandez' finish 14 minutes from time, when he powered home a inch-perfect cut-back from Thompson after a neat counter-attack from the Victory.

A calamitous mistake by Melbourne skipper Kevin Muscat had seen his side go 1-0 down in the 54th minute; the defender uncharacteristically failing to clear his lines in the 18-yard box, gifting possession to Chonburi's Ney Fabiano who rifled home.

The goal came against the run of play, but the Victory were back level within two minutes, when who else but Muscat popped up to cancel out his mistake by slotting home from a scrappy Victory corner.

Muscat's muted celebration showed his hidden relief of turning from villain to hero.

The final score line was an identical reverse of the 3-1 loss the Victory suffered against Chonburi in Thailand on match day two left the Victory in one point clear of third placed Chunnam Dragons and three points above bottom-placed Chonburi.

Victory will hope its ACL momentum will carry over into this week's much anticipated friendly against Italy's Serie A giant Juventus at the Telstra Dome.

By Julius Ross

Photo by Daniel Flis

BIG WINS FOR NSWPL TOP TWO

The race between Sutherland and Manly United at the top of the TeleChoice Premier League continues, with both sides registering impressive wins on the weekend.

Sutherland thumped Penrith-Nepean 7-0 at home to stay a point ahead of their northern rivals, with Brad Boardman knocking in four more goals. The big Sutherland man is involved in a three-way tussle with Manly's Robbie Cattanach and Robert Younis of APIA for the prestigious Golden Boot.

Elsewhere, Bankstown downed ten-man APIA 3-0 at Jensen Park, while another of last season's top four, Marconi, held high-flying Sydney United to a 2-2 draw at home.

Wollongong, too, had their push for the top two halted by Sydney Olympic, who defeated them 2-1 at John Crehan Park. At the Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre, the Macarthur Rams gained only their second win of the campaign, getting the better of fellow competition debutants the West Sydney Berries by 2-1.

Blacktown City 0 –Manly United 4

A classy hat-trick from Robbie Cattanach helped Manly to an easy win over the struggling Blacktown City Demons at the Gabbie stadium.

In the inconclusive early stages, Blacktown actually looked the better side, and the first clear chance fell to their midfielder Ken Chun, who tested Brad Swancott from range after 13 minutes. Perversely, however, Manly proceeded to score immediately afterwards; a defensive error saw the ball reach Robbie Cattanach on the edge of the Blacktown area, and his powerful right-footed shot caught Ivan Necevski unawares: the Blacktown 'keeper could only push the ball weakly into his own net.

The game remained somewhat featureless until the 26th minute, when Cattanach again expertly exploited some slack Blacktown defending. This time, he caught Paul Karbon in possession, and chipped the ball coolly over an advancing Necevski, whose stumble in the area made Cattanach's task easier. 2-0 to the away side, and Blacktown looked a dispirited lot.

Necevski redeemed himself for his earlier indolence on 33 minutes, when a neat Manly move involving Bradley Groves and Michael Williams ended with Craig Midgley rushing through in the inside-right channel; Necevski saved bravely at Midgley's feet.

The mistakes in the Blacktown defence continued. Karbon was again caught in possession on 36 minutes, this time by Midgley, but the latter's weak shot was held easily by Necevski. Then it was Joey Schirripa's turn; receiving from Midgley on the left, he sent a low cross-shot at goal, which Necevski did well to block.

At the other end, Blacktown offered disappointingly little; Jordan Simpson went on a mazy, intricate run in the box on 38 minutes and went down under the challenge of Richard Williams, but the referee ruled that Simpson had dived, and produced the customary yellow card.

Twice in the final minutes of the half, Manly hit the woodwork: Cattanach's volley from Midgley's right-wing cross beat Necevski but cannoned off the near post, while Schirripa's deep cross from the left rebounded off the bar on 43 minutes.

Blacktown revived after the break, putting together a number of pleasing attacking moves, but they lacked the killer touch up front which Cattanach was providing for the visitors.

Yet it was Manly who had the first two chances of the half, carrying on from where they had left off. Richard Williams broke through but hesitated in the area before being tackled by Jesse Pinto, and then Cattanach cleverly set up the other Williams brother for a right-footed whack at goal, which sailed over.

Enter Blacktown, finally. Their young attacker Akwasi received two chances in a matter of minutes after some deft interplay in the Blacktown midfield: his first, close-range shot was blocked by Pascal Julliard; his second, from a little further out, was covered with some difficulty by Swancott.

Manly continued to threaten at the other end; Midgley's header on the hour was saved by Necevski, and Cattanach, receiving a lucky rebound, whipped the ball across goal for Midgley to tap in, but Pinto was there to clear.

On 68 minutes the game burst into life. First Necevski pulled off a staggering double save from Midgley and Cattanach, and then the ball was played swiftly up the other end, where Jordan Simpson found himself in space on the left-hand side of the Manly box; his cross-shot was blocked on the line by Julliard, and the rebound fell to Chris Bedzo, who shot wide from barely three metres. Simpson had another good chance two minutes later, after a quick give-and-go with Leo Carle, who had replaced the unlucky Akwasi.

Just as Blacktown appeared to be getting back into the game, Manly made it three. Cattanach played a superb through-ball into the inside-left channel; Michael Williams reached it, centred, and Michael Lloyd-Green (a replacement for Groves, who had left the field with a head injury) slotted the ball into an empty net.

Sydney FC's new signing Chris Payne entered the fray in the final few minutes, and carved out two chances for himself; on both occasions, he broke free on the right; on both occasions, some hesitation at the vital moment proved his undoing.

Cattanach completed his richly-deserved hat-trick a minute from the end. Shortly after having a narrow-angled free kick smartly saved by Necevski, last year's Golden Boot winner latched onto a long ball on the right, beat Karbon easily and slid his angled shot under Necevski for Manly's fourth.

Another impressive performance from the boys in blue, and more misery for last season's champions.

By Mike Salter

in Sydney

FOOTBALL NSW

TELECHOICE RESULTS

West Sydney Berries 1 (Sash Tirovski 50m) Macarthur Rams 2 (James Young 55m Stephen Old 65m), Wollongong FC 1 (Osagi Ederaro 4m) Sydney Olympic 2 (Chris Triantis 35m Siraj Al-Tall 92m pen), Bankstown City 3 (Phillip Makrys 21m Robert Mileski 43m Paul Harries 90m) APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0, Blacktown City Demons 0 Manly United FC 4 (Robert Cattanach 14/27/89m Michael Lloyd-Green 77m), Sutherland Sharks 7 (Bradley Boardman 21/43/50/79m Benjamin Spruce 42m George Souris 65m Shane Lyons 71m) Penrith Nepean United 0, Marconi Stallions 2 Sydney United 2.

TELECHOICE STANDINGS

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
1	Sutherland Sharks	13	8	5	0	30	8	22	29
2	Manly United FC	13	9	1	3	31	11	20	28
3	Sydney Olympic	12	7	2	3	19	9	10	23
4	Wollongong FC	13	7	2	4	16	14	2	23
5	Sydney United	13	6	4	3	20	13	7	22
6	A.P.I.A Leichhardt Tigers	13	4	4	5	23	22	1	16
7	Bankstown City	12	4	3	5	11	15	-4	15
8	West Sydney Berries	13	4	2	7	16	20	-4	14
9	Penrith Nepean United	13	3	4	6	13	29	-16	13
10	Marconi Stallions	13	2	5	6	11	19	-8	11
11	Macarthur Rams	13	2	4	7	8	17	-9	10
12	Blacktown City	13	1	4	8	7	28	-21	7

SOUTH HOBART IN SPARKLING FORM

Top Of The League And A Quarter Final Cup Run

South Hobart had an eventful week in southern Tasmania.

On Sunday, 18 May, first-half goals by Billy Gasparinatos and David Cooper gave them a 2-0 away win over New Town Eagles at Clare Street in the Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy State-wide competition.

On Saturday, 24 May, they thrashed Kingborough Lions United 7-0 at home in the southern Premier League to go top of the standings.

The win against Eagles put South Hobart into the quarterfinals of the cup competition.

They will meet University, while the other quarterfinal pairings for the weekend of 27-29 June are: Glenorchy Knights v Northern Rangers; Tilford Zebras v Devonport City; Riverside Olympic v Clarence United.

That makes it five southern sides and three northern teams through to the last eight.

It was one-way traffic for South Hobart against the Lions, whose defending was poor.

Captain Jonathon Lo headed South in front from David Abbott's corner in the 11th minute. Ross Hinkley headed the ball clear, but referee Patrick Galloway, in charge of a Premier League game for the first time, gave the goal on the advice of his assistant, Robyn McCarthy.

Lo made it 2-0 a minute later from Billy Gasparinatos's pass, while Abbott netted twice in three minutes to give the home side a 4-0 lead at the break.

Lo completed his hat-trick in the 53rd minute, while strikes by Gasparinatos and Jonathon Ladic completed the rout.

Previous leaders and reigning champions Tilford Zebras dropped to third after losing 4-3 to Glenorchy Knights on Friday evening at KGV Park.

The win put the Knights top of the ladder on Friday evening, but they dropped to second after South Hobart's win the following day.

There were 11 yellow cards in this game (7 to the Zebras and 4 to the Knights) and one send-off - but it was a case of mistaken identity which saw the Zebras' Ricky Self, an innocent player, sent off.

That may teach the Zebras to spruce up their numbers. The yellow numbers on a black-and-white striped background are very difficult to see.

Liam Scott...The up and coming youing South Hobart star who recently trained with the Australian Joeys.

Referee debutant patrick Galloway tosses the coin prior to the South Hobart versus Lions game.

The sides were level at 1-1 at the interval, Igor putting the Knights ahead in the 25th minute when the Zebras defence hesitated and gave the Brazilian a free run at goal.

Selfequalised on the stroke of half-time with an excellent outside-of-the-foot shot from 20 metres after a neat build-up involving Paul Cairns and Dylan Fennell and a clever dummy by Brett Pullen.

A free-kick by Janko Begovic restored the Knights' lead in the 50th minute, but Ben Crosswell, the league's leading marksman, netted a fine goal in the 62nd minute to make it 2-2.

Tom Huigsloot and Igor netted to give the Knights a 4-2 lead with 20 minutes remaining and, in the 77th minute, Self (No. 3) was shown a second yellow card when it should have been David Cox (No. 8) who got a first yellow card.

Zebras stuck to the task, nevertheless, and were unlucky not to earn a point. In the 80th minute, Pullen volleyed them to within a goal of the Knights following a corner, while in the dying seconds, a chip by Andrew Telega ricocheted off Knights defender Anthony Grundy's legs and against the post, with goalkeeper Ben Peter beaten.

Sixth-placed Clarence United scraped home 2-1 against second-last Metro at Wentworth Park after trailing to a Darrin Chaffey goal at half-time.

Goals by Jacob Kavanagh and Dwayne Walsh earned Clarence the three points.

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MATILDAS HIT BY LOSS OF KEY PLAYERS ON EVE OF ASIAN CUP

The Matildas squad has been hit by the loss of key players on the eve of the AFC Women's Asian Cup losing experienced duo Sarah Walsh and Joanne Burgess less than a week out from the commencement of the tournament.

Australia will open their AFC Women's Asian Cup campaign against Chinese Taipei on Thursday 29 May, followed by the match against Korea Republic on Saturday 31 May with the final group match against Japan on Monday 2 June.

Walsh who is one of Australia's all-time highest goalscorers, suffered a fractured leg in Friday night's 2-1 win over Canada in Sydney and is expected to be out of action for several months. Midfielder Burgess, another regular from last year's World Cup campaign has withdrawn due to family reasons.

Coach Tom Sermanni has called into his Asian Cup squad the three young players who were in camp during the week in Sydney. Young Matildas 16-year-old pair Tameka Butt and Ella Mastrantonio, along with striker Jenna Tristram will join the 21-strong squad which today departs for Vietnam.

Perth defender Mastrantonio is yet to make her debut at senior level while Gold Coast based midfielder Butt has already made four appearances for the Matildas including as a substitute in Friday's morale boosting victory over Canada. They will join fellow members of last year's Young Matildas team already selected for the tournament - Ellyse Perry, Kyah Simon, Clare Polkinghorne and Lydia Williams. 21 year old Tristram made a welcome return to the national team on Friday night having been absent for over twelve months after suffering a serious knee injury a day after making her Matildas debut in her home town of Coffs Harbour in April last year.

The Matildas will be aiming to become the first Australian team to be crowned Asian champions in the final in Ho Chi Minh City on June 8.

The Matildas squad for the 2008 AFC Women's Asian Cup:

Goalkeepers – Melissa Barbieri (Melbourne), Lydia Williams (Canberra)
Defenders – Di Alagich (Sydney), Kim Carroll (Brisbane), Kate McShea (Brisbane), Ellyse Perry (Sydney), Clare Polkinghorne (Brisbane), Karla Reuter (Brisbane), Cheryl Salisbury (Newcastle)
Midfielders – Tameka Butt (Gold Coast), Amy Chapman (Canberra), Lauren Colthorpe (Brisbane), Heather Garriock (Sydney), Ella Mastrantonio (Perth), Collette McCallum (Perth), Amber Neilson (Newcastle)

Forwards – Lisa De Vanna (Perth), Kate Gill (Newcastle), Caitlin Munoz (Canberra), Kyah Simon (Sydney), Jenna Tristram (Brisbane),
(current home city)

2008 Women's Asian Cup
28 May - June 8, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

2008 Peace Cup
June 14-21, Suwon, Korea

FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

QANTAS UNDER 23S REACH INTERCONTINENTAL CUP FINAL

The Qantas Under 23s will meet Nigeria in the final of the Intercontinental Cup - Malaysia 2008 after defeating Ireland 3-1 in the semi-final on Saturday night, courtesy of a Matt Simon hat-trick.

It was a terrific start by the Qantas Under 23s, with two goals in the first 13 minutes, which firmly placed them in control of the match from the outset.

The Qantas Under 23s first goal came after just seven minutes when Jason Hoffman made a run down the right and he ball to the far post was perfect for Simon, who headed home.

Six minutes later, Spase Dilevski, delivered a quality ball in behind the Irish defence and Simon again was on hand to head home.

Ireland's attack was given few chances to score by the steady Australian defence, but in the 39th minute they almost pulled a goal back with a great strike that hit the top of the crossbar.

Australia cemented the victory with 15 minutes remaining, when Stuart Musialik played a long ball to the edge of the area for Dario Vidosic. Vidosic then worked his way into the penalty area and then cutback a superb pass to Simon who slid the ball home for his hat-trick.

Ireland managed a consolation goal with five minutes to go, when Alan Judge's shot from 25 metres out sailed into the top corner of the Australian goal, giving keeper Tando Velaphi no chance.

Qantas Under 23s Head Coach Graham Arnold was thrilled with the performance of his team.

"Again it was an outstanding performance from the boys. We played some very good football and scored some quality goals against a strong Irish team.

"The character and effort of the boys under trying conditions could not be faulted.

"Before the tournament we set ourselves the goal of playing five quality matches and that has now been achieved.

"Nigeria have their full Olympic team here and will be tough opposition in the final, but I know that the our players will be up for the challenge," concluded Arnold.

In the other semi-final match, Nigeria defeated Chile 2-1, with Okoro Osadebamwen scoring twice.

The final will be held on Sunday night in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Kick-off at 8.45pm MST, 10.45pm AEST).

Match Details
Qantas Under 23s 3 (Matt Simon 7'/13'/75') def Republic of Ireland 1 (Alan Judge 85')
Friday 23 May 2008
KLFA Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Referee: Mr Mohd Wahab (Malaysia)

Qantas Under 23s: 18.Tando Velaphi (gk), 3.Adrian Leijer, 4.Stuart Musialik, 5.Mark Milligan (C) (16.Nigel Boogaard 54'), 9.Matthew Simon (20.Nikita Rukavysta 77'), 13.Trent McClenahan, 17.Spase Dilevski (7.Adam D'Apuzzo 66'), 15.Michael Zullo, 19.Jason Hoffman, 21.Tarek Elrich, 23.Dario Vidosic .

Substitutes Not Used: 12.Dean Bouzanis (gk),
Yellow Cards: Adrian Leijer 5', Matt Simon 58'

Matt Simon

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MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: Reservoir Strikers 2 (A Alhashimi M Saad) East Bentleigh 3 (SN Jamieson J Carballido 2), Glen Waverley 3 (M Theos 3) Caulfield Grammarians 1 (L Ashford), Ringwood City 0 Upfield 2 (J Kakos RR Ottone), Darebin Legends 2 (M Alkharasani) Broadmeadows Utd 2 (C Erdogan O Ermis), St. Kevins 2 (M Gluscevic WB Blaquiere) Meadow Park 2 (L Zizic 2), Res: Reservoir Strikers 1 East Bentleigh 2, Glen Waverley 1 Caulfield Grammarians 1, Ringwood City 0 Upfield 1, Darebin Legends 2 Broadmeadows Utd 1, St. Kevins 1 Meadow Park 4

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1 Sen: Bayswater Strikers 2 (L Detheridge Own Goal) Whitehorse Utd 1 (EE Walker), Ballarat Strikers 3 Monbulk 1, Uni. of Melbourne 1 GRFA 1, Brighton 2 (SM Toth 2) South Yarra 4 (CJ Cottrell L Alonzo T Harrison NL Caruso), Res: Bayswater Strikers 0 Whitehorse Utd 2, Ballarat Strikers 1 Monbulk 5, Uni. of Melbourne 2 GRFA 2, Brighton 4 South Yarra 1

Div 2 North-West: Fawkner Blues 5 Darebin Falcons 2, Altona City 8 Melbourne Bears 2, Port Melbourne 3 North Geelong 0, Melton 0 La Trobe University 1 (N Laila), Brunswick Zebras 0 Bundoora WSC 10

Div 2 South-East: Beaumaris 0 South Springvale 2, Ashburton 3 (S Jeffreson K Sullivan 2) Southern Suburbs 1, Knox Utd 3 Sandringham 3, Bentleigh Greens 0 Berwick City 3, Monash University 3 (E Watt J Yusi S Moskowitz) Mooroolbark 0

Div 3 North-West: Epping City 3 Diamond Valley Utd 0, Maribyrnong Utd 0 Sunshine Georgies 2, Western Eagles 2 Western Suburbs 0, West Preston 13 (S Marques T De Melo 4 T De Melo RM Sferopoulos T Mulipola 5 S Slim) Westvale 2, Maribyrnong Greens 1 (N FORDER) Melbourne Tornado 0

Div 3 South-East: Endeavour Utd 5 Richmond 0, Knox City 0 South Melbourne 2, Sandringham 1 (C Douglass) Noble Park 4 (J Pedic 4), Albert Park WSC 3 Ashburton 0, Mornington Flames 1 (M Tulett) Doncaster Rovers 0

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: DOC United WFC 1 FC Bulleen Lions 4, Brunswick City 4 Cairnlea WSC 5, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Brunswick Zebras 5

South-East: Sandringham 1 North Caulfield 4, Albert Park WSC 0 Ringwood City 6, Croydon City Arrows 0 East Bentleigh 0, Endeavour Hills 4 Monash University 1, Brighton 3 Swinburne University WSC 0

MENS THIRDS: Metro North-West: Altona East Phoenix 6 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Collingwood City 1 St. Kevins 2,

Metro South-East: Riversdale 5 Old Trinity Grammarians 1, Central Park AC Malvern 2 Bayside Argonauts 3, South Yarra 2 Melbourne University Rangers 0, Monash University 3 Scotch Old Boys 1, Sandringham City 3 Nova FC 0

Central: North Caulfield 0 Boroondara Eagles 3, Monash University 0 Nunawading City 1, Central Park Rangers 2 Waverley Wanderers 0, La Trobe University 12 Ashburton 0, South Yarra 1 Juventus Old Boys 2

North: Melton 1 Brunswick City 3, Plenty Valley Lions 3 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Moreland City 0 DOC United FC 0, La Trobe University 4 Watsonia Heights 1,

North-West: La Trobe University 1 Cairnlea 1, Essendon Utd 3 Greenvale United SC 0, Upfield 1 Melbourne University Rangers 2, Hoppers Crossing 1 Brimbank 1, Keilor Park 4 Mitchell Rangers 1

South: Monash University 3 Beaumaris 2, Sandringham City 1 Bayside Argonauts 1, Berwick City 0 Doveton 1, Waverley Wanderers 0 Boroondara Eagles 0, Dandenong Thunder 1 Southern Suburbs 1

South-East: Cleeland Utd 3 Scotch Old Boys 0, Marcellin Eagles SC 3 Boroondara Eagles 1, Caulfield Grammarians 1 Brighton 3, Eltham North 3 Mooroolbark 2, Old Trinity Grammarians 3 Old Carey 3

MENS MASTERS: Metro: Moreland City 4 Avondale Heights 1, Whittlesea Utd 3 Watsonia Heights 1

South-East: Mooroolbark 3 Doveton 0, Glen Waverley 1 Southern Suburbs 3, Beaumaris Masters 3 Endeavour Hills 2,

Central: Eastern Lions 5 DOC United FC 4, South Yarra 5 Ashburton 0, North Caulfield 4 Uni. of Melbourne 2

Boys 18 Super League: Essendon Royals 1 Kingston City 1, Fawkner 1 Springvale White Eagles 0, Casey Comets South Springvale , Green Gully South Melbourne , Brimbank City FC Bulleen Lions , Keilor Park 2 Brunswick City 1

Boys S/E 16 Super League: Berwick City 1 Oakleigh 4, FC Bulleen Lions 4 Box Hill Inter 0, Doncaster Rovers 3 Chelsea 0, Eastern Lions 0 South Melbourne 8, Endeavour Utd 2 Springvale White Eagles 1

Boys S/E 15 Super League: Berwick City 1 North Caulfield 4, FC Bulleen Lions 6 Dandenong Thunder 0, Monash City 1 Dandenong City 1, Mornington 5 Oakleigh 0, Nunawading City 2 Knox City 0

Boys S/E 14 Super League: Oakleigh 3 Box Hill Inter 1, FC Bulleen Lions 5 Beaumaris 1, Sandringham City 1 Richmond 0, Monash City 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 1, GSL South Melbourne

Boys S/E 13 Super League: Berwick City 2 Box Hill Inter 0, FC Bulleen Lions 0 South Melbourne 3, Sandringham City 0 Croydon City Arrows 0, N.T.C 1 Brighton 1, GSL 0 Monash City 3

Boys N/W 16 Super League: Fawkner Bye , Hume Utd 1 Melbourne Knights 0, Keilor Park 1 Coburg Utd 3, Preston Lions Sunshine Georgies , Green Gully Cairnlea

Boys N/W 15 Super League: Ballarat Academy Of Soccer Bye , Sunshine Heights 0 Fawkner 0, Essendon Royals 2 Melbourne Knights 0, Keilor Park 1 Preston Lions 4, Green Gully Altona Magic

Boys N/W 14 Super League: Melbourne Knights 1 Essendon Royals 1, Brimbank 8 Hume Utd 0, Keilor Park 0 Whittlesea Zebras 1, Brunswick City 3 Coburg Utd 1, Green Gully Cairnlea

Boys N/W 13 Super League: Brunswick Zebras Bundoora Utd , North City Lions 0 Melbourne Knights 3, Keilor Park Essendon Royals , GRFA 1 Altona City 0, Green Gully Light Utd

Boys Metro 18 Blue: Frankston Pines 4 Manningham 0, Doncaster Rovers 3 Eastern Lions 1, Richmond 3 Altona East 1, Stonnington City 0 Altona City 1, Knox City 1 Cairnlea 2

Boys Metro 18 Orange: Doveton 3 Langwarrin 9, Berwick City 3 Baxter 1, Keysborough 6 Beaumaris 1, Sandringham City 0 Mornington 2

Boys Metro 18 Purple: DOC United FC 4 Sunshine Georgies 1, Heidelberg Utd 1 Preston Lions 2, Bentleigh Greens 2 Oakleigh 3, Whittlesea Zebras 2 Altona Magic 1, Richmond 3 Westgate 0

Boys Metro 18 Red: Northcote City 7 Essendon Royals 0, Westvale 1 Melbourne Phoenix JFC 7, Western Eagles 1 Light Utd 2, Brunswick Zebras Ballarat & District SA , Bundoora Utd Lalor Utd

Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Boroondara Lions 5 Darebin Legends 2, Manningham 2 Doncaster Rovers 2, East Bentleigh 2 Ashburton 0, Mooroolbark 0 North Caulfield 9, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Brandon Park 5

Boys South 16 A: Berwick City 2 Southern Stars 3, Mornington 3 Chelsea 1, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 2, Langwarrin 2 Dandenong City 5

Boys South 16 B: Brighton 3 Bentleigh Greens 2, Beaumaris Bye , Langwarrin 2 Baxter 1, Doveton 9 Casey Comets 0

Boys South 15 A: Casey Comets Bye , Berwick City 2 Beaumaris 2, Springvale White Eagles 0 Brighton 6, Doveton 2 Chelsea 0, East Bentleigh 0 Langwarrin 3

Boys South 15 B: Peninsula Strikers JFC 10 Seaford Utd 2, Langwarrin 3 Carrum Utd 1, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 0, Hampton Park Utd 3 Berwick City 3

Boys South 15 C: Brighton Bye , Phillip Island 1 Beaumaris 2, Baxter 1 9 Sandringham City 1, East Bentleigh 0 Endeavour Utd 4, Doveton 2 Baxter 2 0

Boys South 14 A: Berwick City 9 Beaumaris 0, Mornington 1 Hampton Park Utd 2, Harrisfield Hurricanes 2 Brighton 1, Keysborough 1 Hampton 6, Bentleigh Greens 1 Chelsea 0

Boys South 14 B: Berwick City 1 Langwarrin 7, Bentleigh Greens 2 Sandringham City 4, Baxter 0 Brighton 1, Chelsea 5 Hampton 1, Endeavour Utd 2 Mornington 0

Boys South 14 C: Casey Comets Bye , East Bentleigh 11 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 4 Brighton 0, Rosebud 12 Hampton Park Utd 0, Seaford Utd 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 1

Boys South 13 A: Mornington Bye , Berwick City 5 Hampton Park Utd 0, Dandenong Thunder 7 Hampton 2, Langwarrin 3 Endeavour Utd 0, Keysborough 1 Dandenong City 0

Boys South 13 B: Mornington 2 Baxter 0, Doveton 4 Sandringham City 0, East Bentleigh 0 Brighton 5, Bentleigh Greens 5 Beaumaris 3

Boys South 13 C: Springvale White Eagles 8 Mornington 2, Brighton 2 Carrum Utd 0, Casey Comets 2 Beaumaris 1, Rosebud 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 5

Boys South 13 D: Endeavour Utd 2 Langwarrin 2, Peninsula Strikers JFC 1 Lyndale Utd 2, Frankston Pines 0 Brighton 2, East Bentleigh 0 Berwick City 3

Boys South 12 A: Berwick City 4 Peninsula Strikers JFC 1, Mornington 2 Langwarrin 0, Sandringham City 4 Brighton 3, South Eastern Piranhas 7 Hampton 0, GSL 4 Bentleigh Greens 1

Boys South 12 B: Berwick City 0 Melbourne Phoenix JFC 4, Southern Stars 0 Sandringham City 5, Langwarrin 6 Seaford Utd 2, Hampton Park Utd 8 Bentleigh Greens 0, Casey Comets 2 Beaumaris 1

Boys South 12 C: Bye Sandringham City , Hampton Park Utd 5 Langwarrin 1, East Bentleigh 0 Brighton 5, Beaumaris 3 Hampton 0, Doveton 9 Mornington 0

Boys South 12 D: East Bentleigh 3 Carrum Utd 0, Dandenong Thunder 8 Lyndale Utd 1, Doveton 3 Brighton 0, Keysborough 4 Berwick City 1, Beaumaris 3 Baxter 0

Boys South 12 E: Baxter (Western Port) 5 Beaumaris 1, Rosebud 0 Casey Panthers 6, Harrisfield Hurricanes 4 Brighton 0, Sandringham City 7 Seaford Utd 0, Peninsula Strikers JFC 2 Casey Comets 3

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Bye Mornington , Endeavour Utd 0 Brighton 9, Kingston City 0 Bentleigh Greens 8, Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Beaumaris 9, South Eastern Piranhas 6 Dandenong City 0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Berwick City 1 Southern Stars 0, Chelsea 0 GSL 8, Sandringham City 4 Langwarrin 1, Hampton 1 Aspendale 0, Springvale White Eagles 8 Brandon Park 1

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red: Brighton 2 0 Beaumaris 4, Mornington 2 Sandringham City 0, Hampton 0 Brighton 1 4, Keysborough 5 Aspendale 0

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Berwick City 5 Carrum Utd 1, Beaumaris 3 Sandringham City 0, Baxter 0 Brighton 1, Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Hampton Park Utd 7

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange: Casey Comets 3 Seaford Utd 1, Beaumaris 1 Doveton 5, Bentleigh Greens Brighton , Berwick City 1 Mornington 1

Boys East 16 A: Oakleigh 2 Nunawading City 3, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 2, Manningham 4 Richmond 2, Whitehorse 4 Doncaster Rovers 1, Clayton 1 Riversdale 1

Boys East 16 B: Hampton Park Utd 2 North Caulfield 5, Manningham 2 Knox City 1, Glen Waverley 2 Casey Comets 7, Caulfield Utd 2 Boronia 3

Boys East 16 C: Mooroolbark 1 Mooroolbark 3, South Springvale 3 Eastern Lions 4, Hampton 0 Ashburton 1, Whitehorse 6 Glen Eira 0, Clayton 1 Croydon City Arrows 3

Boys East 15 A: Eastern Lions Glen Waverley , Manningham 0 South Melbourne 2, Boronia 2 Richmond 0, Brandon Park 3 Doncaster Rovers 3, Clayton 0 FC Bulleen Lions 5

Boys East 15 B: Oakleigh 4 North Caulfield 2, FC Bulleen Lions 5 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Richmond 6 Caulfield Utd 0, Manningham 2 Boronia 2, Doncaster Rovers 1 Riversdale 1

Boys East 15 C: Bye Brandon Park , Boroondara Lions 1 North Caulfield 1, Ashburton 2 1 Ashburton 1 7, Whitehorse 1 Ringwood City 0, Glen Waverley 0 Mooroolbark 1

Boys East 14 A: Casey Comets 1 North Caulfield 3, Manningham 0 Knox City 10, Brandon Park 0 Glen Waverley 1, Whitehorse 1 Doncaster Rovers 1, Waverley Wanderers 0 FC Bulleen Lions 0

Boys East 14 B: Riversdale 3 North Caulfield 1, Noble Park 2 Knox City 2, Glen Waverley 0 Doncaster Rovers 3, Stonnington City 6 Ringwood City 2, Eastern Lions 4 Croydon City Arrows 0

Boys East 14 C: Caulfield Utd 1 Boronia 5, Richmond 1 Melbourne Phoenix JFC 4, Whitehorse 6 Mooroolbark 0, Doncaster Rovers Heidelberg Utd

Boys East 14 D: Stonnington City 1 Ringwood City 0, Riversdale 3 East Bentleigh 2, Croydon City Arrows 1 Glen Eira 10, Mooroolbark 0 Richmond 7, Boroondara Lions 3 Nunawading City 5

Boys East 13 A: Oakleigh 2 North Caulfield 1, Mooroolbark 3 Glen Waverley 3, Richmond 4 Boronia 2, Doncaster Rovers 2 Riversdale 3, Nunawading City 1 South Melbourne 2

Boys East 13 B: Bye Ashburton , FC Bulleen Lions 1 Knox City 0, Glen Eira 0 Richmond 8, Clayton 1 Avondale Heights 2

Boys East 13 C: Brunswick City 0 Ringwood City 2, Springvale City 2 North Caulfield 6, Manningham 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Boronia Caulfield Utd , Boroondara Lions 2 FC Bulleen Lions 0

Boys East 13 D: Ashburton 0 Glen Eira 2, Brandon Park 4 Riversdale 0, Richmond 0 Knox Utd 11, Glen Waverley 0 Clifton Hill 4, Eastern Lions 3 Monash City 1

Boys East 13 E: Manningham 2 Oakleigh 2, Croydon City Arrows 1 Chelsea 0, Waverley Wanderers 3 Knox Utd 1, Ringwood City 2 Mooroolbark 0

Boys East 13 F: Eastern Lions 0 Heidelberg Stars 4, South Springvale 4 North Caulfield 0, Stonnington City 1 Richmond 3, Whitehorse 5 Rowville Eagles 1

Boys East 12 A: Oakleigh 0 North Caulfield 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Box Hill Inter 0, Richmond 1 Knox City 1, Riversdale 0 South Melbourne 2, Monash City 1 Ashburton 0

Boys East 12 B: Bye Waverley Wanderers , Manningham 0 Springvale City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 Richmond 0, Box Hill Inter 3 Oakleigh 0, Clayton 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1

Boys East 12 C: Glen Waverley 0 North Caulfield 1, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 2, Richmond 2 South Springvale 2, Lalor 2 Glen Eira 2, Mooroolbark 0 Doncaster Rovers 11

Boys East 12 D: Croydon City Arrows 4 Eastern Lions 1, Nunawading City 3 Ashburton 0, Riversdale 1 Boronia 1, Boroondara Lions 0 Avondale Heights 3

Boys East 12 E: Bye Eastern Lions , Doncaster Rovers 1 North Caulfield 4, Ashburton 0 Richmond 1, Whitehorse 5 Ringwood City 1, Boroondara Lions 1 Croydon City Arrows 2

Boys East 12 F: Bye Ashburton , Croydon City Arrows 0 Clifton Hill 8, Boronia 0 Knox City 1, Glen Waverley 1 Doncaster Rovers 2

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Oakleigh 5 Caulfield Utd 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Box Hill Inter 3, Richmond 1 Ashburton 0, Doncaster Rovers 2 Croydon City Arrows 1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange: South Melbourne Bye , North Caulfield 0 Hampton 1, Knox Utd 2 Mooroolbark 0, Riversdale 2 Richmond 1, Whitehorse 1 Oakleigh 1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow: South Yarra 0 Monash City 5, Manningham 1 Eastern Lions 3, Ashburton 1 Doncaster Rovers 2, Box Hill Inter 11 Stonnington City 0, Boroondara Lions 0 FC Bulleen Lions 7

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: Croydon City Arrows 10 Boronia 0, FC Bulleen Lions 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Glen Waverley 0 Richmond 2, Whitehorse East Bentleigh , Doncaster Rovers 1 Knox Utd 0

Boys East 11 Joeys Orange: Bye Sherbrooke Rangers , Mooroolbark 0 North Caulfield 3, Richmond 1 Knox City 7, Whitehorse 0 Ringwood City 2, Waverley Wanderers 8 Riversdale 0

Boys East 11 Joeys Red: Ashburton 1 North Caulfield 0, East Bentleigh 2 Knox City 5, Richmond 1 Glen Waverley 2, Whitehorse 1 Oakleigh 1, Boroondara Lions 1 Doncaster Rovers 1

Boys North 16 A: Epping City Bye , Moreland Utd Bundoora Utd , Essendon Royals 3 Coburg Utd 0, Heidelberg Stars 1 Whittlesea Zebras 1, Northcote City 3 Brunswick Zebras 0

Boys North 16 B: Bundoora Utd Moreland Wolves , Sunbury Utd 0 Watsonia Heights 4, Hume Utd 6 Mitchell Rangers 1, Light Utd 2 Essendon Utd 1, DOC United FC 8 Brunswick Zebras 4

Boys North 15 A: Moreland City 1 Bundoora Utd 1, Fawkner 4 Epping City 3, Essendon Royals 3 Brunswick Zebras 0, Heidelberg Utd Light Utd , Lalor Utd 2 Whittlesea Zebras 2

Boys North 15 B: Moreland Utd 8 Epping City 0, Brunswick City 3 Watsonia Heights 3, Northcote City 2 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Bundoora Utd Moreland City , Heidelberg Stars 1 Plenty Valley Lions 6

Boys North 14 A: Preston Lions 0 Bundoora Utd 2, Fawkner 1 Light Utd 2, Sunbury Utd Greenvale Utd , Essendon Royals 5 Clifton Hill 1, Epping City 4 Eltham North 1

Boys North 14 B: Fawkner 0 Moreland City 9, Meadow Park 3 Whittlesea Zebras 0, Banyule City 0 Watsonia Heights 2, Epping City 0 Northcote City 6, Bundoora Utd Brunswick Zebras

Boys North 14 C: Alphington 2 Moreland Wolves 5, Eltham North 0 Coburg Utd 10, Essendon Royals 1 North City Lions 1, FC City Central Bye , Banyule City 2 Brunswick Zebras 3

Boys North 13 A: Bye Essendon Royals , North City Lions Epping City , Brunswick City 3 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Reservoir Strikers Preston Lions , Moreland City 0 Whittlesea Zebras 4

Boys North 13 B: Clifton Hill 0 Hume Utd 3, Fawkner 11 Watsonia Heights 0, Essendon Utd 4 Lalor Utd 2, Epping City 0 Brunswick Zebras 1, Eltham North 1 Alphington 1

Boys North 12 A: Eltham North 0 Bundoora Utd 3, Epping City 4 Coburg Utd 0, Essendon Royals 2 Brunswick City 3, Hume Utd 5 Meadow Park 2, Light Utd 0 Whittlesea Zebras 2

Boys North 12 B: Coburg Utd 2 Eltham North 1, Brunswick Zebras Fawkner , Light Utd 3 Greenvale Utd 3, Moreland City 3 Northcote City 2, Moreland Wolves 2 Preston Lions 1

Boys North 12 C: Moreland Utd 1 Hume Utd 0, Banyule City 0 Watsonia Heights 4, Essendon Royals 4 Sunbury Utd 1, Epping City 1 Heidelberg Utd 2, Diamond Valley Utd 5 Alphington 2

Boys North 12 D: North Lions DOC United FC , North City Lions 2 Pascoe Vale 3, Mitchell Rangers Eltham North , Plenty Valley Lions 5 Broadmeadows Utd 0, Bundoora Utd Brunswick Zebras

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Fawkner 2 Epping City 0, Lalor Utd 4 Diamond Valley Utd 0, Brunswick City 0 Brunswick Zebras 3, Meadow Park 1 Sunbury Utd 3, Bundoora Utd Heidelberg Stars

Boys North 11 Joeys Blue: Banyule City Bye , Moreland Utd Bundoora Utd , Mitchell Rangers Fawkner , Light Utd 0 Northcote City 3, Moreland City 3 Avondale Heights 0

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Orange: Alphington 1 4 Essendon Royals 2 2, Heidelberg Utd Alphington 2 , Eltham North 2 0 Yarraville 7, Watsonia Heights 0 Eltham North 1 4, Essendon Royals 1 9 Greenvale Utd 0

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Red: Clifton Hill 2 Upfield 3, North City Lions 7 Watsonia Heights 1, Brunswick Zebras Whittlesea Zebras , Hume Utd 3 Plenty Valley Lions 1, Moreland Wolves 0 St. Albans Saints 0

Boys West 16 A: Gisborne Bye , Sunbury Utd 1 Williamstown 2, Laverton Park 2 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2, South Yarra 4 Keilor Park 1, Green Gully 1 Hoppers Crossing 3

Boys West 16 B: Melbourne Lions Altona City , Sydenham Park 0 Western Eagles 11, Brimbank 5 Melton 4, South Yarra 0 Reservoir Strikers 1, Werribee City 4 Altona East 1

Boys West 15 A: Bye Geelong , Sunshine Georgies 0 Altona East 0, Brimbank City 3 Keilor Park 1, GRFA 1 Werribee City 2, Green Gully 5 Sydenham Park 2

Boys West 15 B North/West: Lalor Utd 1 Hoppers Crossing 11, Port Melbourne 7 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0, Carlton Youth 0 Williamstown 3, Keilor Wolves 1 Altona City 0

Boys West 14 A: Sunshine Heights 2 North Geelong Warriors 2, South Yarra 2 Hoppers Crossing 1, St. Albans 0 Altona East 6, Werribee City 3 GRFA 2, Sunshine Georgies 3 Sydenham Park 0

Boys West 14 B: Western Eagles 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2, Brimbank 1 North Sunshine Eagles 1, Melton 2 Keilor Park 0, Altona City 0 Green Gully 15

Boys West 14 C North/West: Sunbury Utd 0 Williamstown 5, Hoppers Crossing 0 Gisborne 3, Preston Lions 1 Melton 0, DOC United FC 5 Yarraville 3, Wyndham Olympic Avondale Heights

Boys West 13 A: Altona City 1 Gisborne 2, BASL 1 Geelong 2, Laverton Park 2 Keilor Park 0, Sunshine Georgies 2 Williamstown 1, Cairnlea 0 Green Gully 2

Boys West 13 B: Spring Hills Ballarat Academy Of Soccer , Brimbank City 4 Werribee City 1, Williamstown 2 Hoppers Crossing 0, Sydenham Park 0 Brimbank 3, Maribyrnong Greens 0 Melton 3

Boys West 13 C: Maribyrnong United 1 Melbourne Lions 6, Bundoora Utd Brunswick Zebras , FC Birarrung JFC 7 Bacchus Marsh JSC 1, Mitchell Rangers AVA Seagulls , Flemington Eagles 7 Upfield 0, Wyndham Olympic Port Melbourne

Boys West 12 A: Williamstown 2 Sunshine Georgies 2, Gisborne 0 Melbourne Knights 4, Keilor Park 2 South Yarra 1, GRFA 1 Altona City 0, Green Gully Hoppers Crossing

Boys West 12 B: Brimbank 3 Melton 1, Altona Magic Melbourne Knights , South Yarra 2 Keilor Park 2, St. Albans 1 Sydenham Park 1, Cairnlea 2 Green Gully 1

Boys West 12 C: Keilor Wolves 2 Brimbank 1, Hoppers Crossing 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 8, Gisborne Altona City , Flemington Eagles 1 Laverton Park 1, Wyndham Olympic Cairnlea , Spring Hills Williamstown

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Williamstown 3 Sunshine Georgies 1, Altona East 0 Melbourne Knights 10, Keilor Park 1 South Yarra 0, Altona City 4 Werribee City 0, Green Gully Hoppers Crossing

Boys West 11 Joeys Red: Port Melbourne Green Gully , Hoppers Crossing 6 Spring Hills 1, Bacchus Marsh JSC 1 Laverton Park 4, Altona City 12 Werribee City 0, Gisborne 4 Cairnlea 0

Boys West 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Blue: Sunshine Heights 3 Sydenham Park 0, Maribyrnong Greens 8 Western Eagles 1, Brimbank City 2 Keilor Park 1, Brimbank 1 Westvale 0, Green Gully Williamstown

Girls Metro 18 A: Westgate Bye , Berwick City 3 Beaumaris 0, Boroondara Eagles JFC 2 Brimbank 3, Croydon City Arrows 0 Ashburton 19, Whitehorse 1 Gisborne 2, Langwarrin 4 Mooroolbark 1

Girls Metro 16 A: Langwarrin 1 GRFA 7, Whitehorse 3 Berwick City 1, Richmond 1 Keilor Park 2, Brunswick Zebras Meadow Park , Brighton 3 Brandon Park 1

Girls Metro 16 B: Ringwood City 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Sandringham City 1 Boroondara Lions 2, Keilor Wolves 0 Baxter 0, Diamond

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Valley Utd 4 Brunswick City 0, Glen Eira Glen Waverley

Girls N/W 16 C: North City Lions 2 Pascoe Vale 2, Sydenham Park 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 10, Nunawading City 0 Sunbury Utd 8, Altona City 12 Greenvale Utd 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Gisborne 2

Girls S/E 16 C: Mornington 2 Mooroolbark 2, East Bentleigh 2 Endeavour Utd 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 1 Hampton Park Utd 3, Boronia 5 Seaford Utd 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 3 FC Bulleen Lions 2

Girls Metro 15 A: Croydon City Arrows 2 Bundoora Utd 2, Hoppers Crossing 0 Doncaster Rovers 2, Brighton 1 Sandringham City 3, Dandenong Thunder 6 Brunswick Zebras 1

Girls Metro 15 B: Caulfield Utd 2 Peninsula Strikers JFC 5, Baxter 5 Altona City 0, Langwarrin 0 East Bentleigh 4, Eltham North 1 Casey Comets 2, Carrum Utd 0 Richmond 1

Girls Metro 15 C: Sandringham City 1 Dandenong City 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Whittlesea Zebras 3, Eastern Lions 1 Croydon City Arrows 0, Brighton 1 Beaumaris 2, Glen Waverley 2 Chelsea 1

Girls N/W 15 D: Bye Altona East , Bundoora Utd Keilor Park , Epping City 2 Brimbank 9, Cairnlea 1 Brunswick Zebras 0

Girls S/E 15 D: Heatherton Utd Bye , Noble Park 2 North Caulfield 4, Glen Eira 0 Boroondara Lions 3, Knox City 0 Springvale White Eagles 9, Carrum Utd 0 Richmond 1

Girls Metro 14 A: Ashburton 6 Sandringham City 1, Alphington Bye , Brighton 0 Croydon City Arrows 2, North Caulfield 1 Essendon Royals 3, Boroondara Lions 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 0

Girls Metro 14 B: South Melbourne Brunswick Zebras , Port Melbourne 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Pascoe Vale 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Glen Waverley 0 Glen Eira 0, Box Hill Inter 0 Berwick City 7

Girls N/W 14 C: Sunbury Utd 3 Keilor Park 1, Kensington JGSC 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Watsonia Heights 4 Doncaster Rovers 5, Whittlesea Zebras 1 DOC United FC 1, Eltham North 0 South Yarra 1

Girls S/E 14 C: Brighton 1 Brandon Park 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Eastern Lions 0, Boronia 1 North Caulfield 1, Peninsula Strikers JFC 1 Baxter 1

Girls Metro 13 A: Knox City Bye , Croydon City Arrows 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Brunswick Zebras Keilor Park , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Ashburton 1, Carrum Utd 2 Richmond 0

Girls Metro 13 B: North Caulfield Monash City , Whitehorse 0 Boronia 0, Hoppers Crossing 4 Beaumaris 0, Brighton 0 Eltham North 0, Glen Waverley 2 Nunawading City 0

Girls Metro 13 C: Glen Eira Baxter , Brighton 0 Sandringham City 1, Oakleigh 0 Banyule City 0, Peninsula Strikers JFC 2 Casey Panthers 3

Girls Metro 13 D: Carrum Utd 4 Heidelberg Utd 1, Glen Waverley 4 Boronia 0, Bundoora Utd Keilor Wolves , Sydenham Park 6 Mornington 0

Girls Metro 12 A: Brighton 1 Keilor Park 3, Carrum Utd Berwick City , Hampton 0 Beaumaris 1, Ashburton 0 Richmond 0, Dandenong Thunder 1 Boroondara Lions 1

Girls Metro 12 B: Sandringham City 0 Ashburton 0, Brighton 5 Glen Eira 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Oakleigh 4, St. Albans 2 Eltham North 4, North Caulfield 4 Richmond 0

Girls N/W 12 C: Diamond Valley Utd Bye , Kensington JGSC 0 Essendon Royals 1, Brunswick Zebras 1 Green Gully , Watsonia Heights 3 Brunswick Zebras 2 0, Sunbury Utd 0 Banyule City 0

Girls S/E 12 C: Bye Bye , Croydon City Arrows 2 Clifton Hill 0, Box Hill Inter 0 Glen Waverley 0, FC Bulleen Lions 0 South Yarra 0

Girls Metro 11 A: Croydon City Arrows 1 Boroondara Lions 4, Bye Pascoe Vale , Brighton 2 East Bentleigh 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Ashburton 3, South Yarra 3 Ringwood City 0, North Caulfield 3 Stonnington City 0

Girls Metro 11 B: Sandringham City 2 5 Carrum Utd 0, Brighton Sandringham City 1 , Rosebud 2 Ashburton 0, North Caulfield 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 2, Berwick City Bye , Hampton 1 Casey Panthers 1

Mens Metropolitan League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	8	6	2	0	23	7	20
Reservoir Strikers	8	5	2	1	25	9	17
Meadow Park	8	4	3	1	20	11	15
East Bentleigh	8	4	1	3	13	9	13
Glen Waverley	8	3	1	4	14	21	10
Darebin Legends	8	2	3	3	18	18	9
Broadmeadows Utd	7	2	2	3	9	15	8
St. Kevins	8	1	4	3	14	23	7
Ringwood City	7	2	2	3	8	10	5
Caulfield Grammarian	8	0	0	8	3	24	0

Mens Metropolitan League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	7	6	1	0	24	6	19
Darebin Legends	8	5	2	1	18	7	17
East Bentleigh	7	5	1	1	19	9	16
Meadow Park	8	3	3	2	14	11	12
Ringwood City	7	3	2	2	11	9	8
Reservoir Strikers	8	2	2	4	8	13	8
Broadmeadows Utd	7	2	1	4	9	17	7
Glen Waverley	8	1	3	4	9	19	6
St. Kevins	8	1	2	5	9	21	5
Caulfield Grammarians	8	0	3	5	6	15	3

Womens State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Strikers	4	3	1	0	12	3	10
Bayswater Strikers	5	2	3	0	8	5	9
Uni. of Melbourne	4	2	2	0	12	5	8
GRFA	5	2	2	1	7	7	8
Monbulk	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
Whittlesea Zebras	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Whitehorse Utd	5	1	0	4	7	9	3
South Yarra	5	1	0	4	9	18	3
Brighton	4	0	2	2	4	8	2

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse Utd	5	3	2	0	11	3	11
Bayswater Strikers	5	3	0	2	7	7	9
GRFA	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Whittlesea Zebras	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Uni. of Melbourne	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Brighton	4	1	1	2	9	8	4
Monbulk	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Ballarat Strikers	4	1	0	3	5	9	3
South Yarra	5	0	2	3	4	12	2

Womens State League Div 2 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora WSC	5	5	0	0	31	3	15
La Trobe University	5	5	0	0	13	0	15
Altona City	4	4	0	0	26	3	12
Port Melbourne	4	2	0	2	7	9	6
North Geelong	5	2	0	3	6	9	6
Melton	5	2	0	3	3	7	6
Melbourne Bears	4	1	0	3	5	14	3
Fawkner Blues	4	1	0	3	4	19	3
Darebin Falcons	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Brunswick Zebras	5	0	0	5	1	27	0

Womens State League Div 2 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Springvale	5	5	0	0	16	2	15
Berwick City	5	4	0	1	12	7	12
Monash University	5	3	2	0	12	4	11
Knox Utd	5	2	1	2	11	10	7
Ashburton	5	2	1	2	10	11	7
Sandringham	5	1	3	1	10	9	6
Beaumaris	5	1	2	2	3	5	5
Bentleigh Greens	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Mooroolbark	5	1	0	4	2	11	3
Southern Suburbs	5	0	0	5	2	13	0

Womens State League Div 3 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagles	5	5	0	0	31	4	15
West Preston	5	3	1	1	24	8	10
Sunshine Georgies	4	2	2	0	7	2	8
Epping City	5	2	2	1	6	5	8
Western Suburbs	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Melbourne Tornado	4	2	0	2	7	3	6
Diamond Valley Utd	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
Maribyrnong Utd	4	1	0	3	5	14	3
Maribyrnong Greens	5	1	0	4	3	18	3
Westvale	5	0	0	5	4	39	0

Womens State League Div 3 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	4	4	0	0	18	4	12
Noble Park	4	4	0	0	15	1	12
Mornington Flames	5	4	0	1	17	4	12
Albert Park WSC	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	0	2	11	3	6
Sandringham	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
Ashburton	4	1	0	3	5	11	3
South Melbourne	5	1	0	4	5	19	3
Knox City	5	0	0	5	2	15	0
Richmond	4	0	0	4	0	16	0

Womens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	5	5	0	0	35	5	15
Kyneton District	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Cairnlea WSC	4	2	1	1	28	13	7
DOC United WFC	4	2	1	1	16	6	7
Old Carey	3	2	0	1	7	7	6
Brunswick Zebras	5	2	0	3	11	15	6
Brunswick City	4	1	1	2	12	9	4
Fitzroy City	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Uni. of Melbourne	4	0	1	3	7	22	1
Mitchell Rangers	4	0	0	4	2	44	0

Womens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Hills	5	4	1	0	20	3	13
North Caulfield	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Ringwood City	5	2	2	1	14	6	8
East Bentleigh	5	2	2	1	12	9	8
Croydon City Arrows	5	2	2	1	5	4	8
Brighton	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
Sandringham	5	1	2	2	9	8	5
Monash University	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
Swinburne University	5	0	2	3	3	12	2
Albert Park WSC	5	0	0	5	2	30	0

Mens Thirds Metro North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East Phoenix	4	3	1	0	17	5	10
Uni. of Melbourne	5	2	2	1	10	13	8
St. Kevins	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Old Melburnians	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
Werribee City	3	1	2	0	7	6	5
Clifton Hill	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
Fawkner Blues	4	0	3	1	5	8	3
Reservoir Stars	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
Collingwood City	5	0	2	3	9	14	2
Melbourne Lions	0			0	0	-3	

Mens Thirds Metro South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bayside Argonauts	5	4	1	0	27	4	13
South Yarra	5	4	1	0	17	5	13
Riversdale	5	3	1	1	14	6	10
Melbourne University R5		3	1	1	11	5	10
Central Park AC Malver	5	2	2	1	11	8	8
Old Melburnians	4	2	1	1	11	9	7
Sandringham City	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Monash University	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Old Camberwell Gram	3	1	0	2	11	8	3
Scotch Old Boys	5	1	0	4	4	20	3
Old Trinity Grammarian	4	0	0	4	4	21	0
Nova FC	5	0	0	5	3	28	0

Mens Thirds Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	5	4	1	0	22	4	13
Juventus Old Boys	5	4	1	0	17	7	13
South Yarra	5	4	0	1	23	4	12
Boroondara Eagles	5	3	0	2	15	15	9
Nunawading City	5	3	0	2	8	8	9
Central Park Rangers	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Monash University	5	2	0	3	5	12	6
North Caulfield	4	1	0	3	9	9	3
Waverley Wanderers	5	0	0	5	3	18	0
Ashburton	5	0	0	5	4	31	0

Mens Thirds North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	5	5	0	0	24	1	15
Watsonia Heights	5	3	1	1	20	13	10
Brunswick City	4	3	0	1	8	10	9
DOC United FC	5	1	4	0	16	9	7
Plenty Valley Lions	2	0	2	7	7	6	
Uni. of Melbourne	5	1	2	2	6	11	5
Moreland City	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Melton	5	1	1	3	8	17	4
Fawkner Blues	4	0	0	4	1	18	0
Melbourne Lions	3	0	1	2	4	7	-2

Mens Thirds North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	3	2	0	1	0	7	11
Cairnlea	5	3	1	1	14	10	10
Mitchell Rangers	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Melbourne University R5		2	2	1	7	5	8
Brimbank	5	1	4	0	9	5	7
Upfield	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
Keilor Park	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Essendon Utd	5	2	1	2	8	11	7
Hoppers Crossing	5	0	1	4	5	12	1
Greenvale United SC	5	0	1	4	5	13	1

Mens Thirds South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	5	3	2	0	11	2	11
Dandenong Thunder	5	3	1	1	26	8	10
Berwick City	5	3	0	2	10	3	9
Sandringham City	5	2	3	0	7	5	9
Boroondara Eagles	5	1	4	0	11	9	7
Southern Suburbs	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Monash University	5	1	2	2	8	17	5
Bayside Argonauts	4	1	1	2	5	13	4
Waverley Wanderers	5	0	2	3	1	14	2
Beaumaris	5	0	1	4	6	13	1

Mens Thirds South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cleeland Utd	5	5	0	0	24	2	15
Marcellin Eagles SC	5	3	1	1	15	7	10
Boroondara Eagles	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Mooroolbark	5	3	0	2	17	9	9
Scotch Old Boys	5	2	1	2	23	10	7
Old Trinity Grammarian	5	2	1	2	12	15	7
Eltham North	5	2	0	3	8	23	6
Old Carey	5	1	1	3	7	16	4
Brighton	5	1	0	4	3	25	3
Caulfield Grammarians	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

Mens Masters Metro

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	4	3	1	0	25	5	10
Whittlesea Utd	5	3	0	2	24	14	9
Bundoora Utd	3	3	0	0	12	5	9
Sunshine Blues	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Heidelberg Utd	3	2	0	1	13	8	6
Watsonia Heights	5	1	0	4	11	16	3
Avondale Heights	4	0	0	4	7	23	0
Mill Park	3	0	0	3	3	28	0

Mens Masters South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark	5	4	0	1	15	9	12
Beaumaris Masters	4	3	1	0	13	6	10
Southern Suburbs	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
Endeavour Hills	5	2	1	2	12	10	7
Juventus Old Boys	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Doncaster Rovers	3	1	1	1	6	8	4
Glen Waverley	5	1	0	4	7	15	3
Doveton	4	0	1	3	0	13	1
Brighton	4	0	0	4	8	15	0

Mens Masters Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	4	4	0	0	17	2	12
Eastern Lions	3	3	0	0	16	5	9
Whitehorse Utd	4	3	0	1	13	11	9
DOC United FC	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
North Caulfield	4	1	0	3	5	12	3
Collingwood City	0			0	0	0	
Uni. of Melbourne	4	0	0	4	7	16	0
Ashburton	3	0	0	3	5	18	0

Boys 18 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	7	6	0	1	34	9	18
FC Bulleen Lions	7	6	0	1	27	6	18
Green Gully	7	5	1	1	16	9	16
Springvale White Eagle	8	5	0	3	16	7	15
Fawkner	7	4	1	2	16	9	13
Essendon Royals	8	2	2	4	12	12	8
Keilor Park	8	2	2	4	7	10	8
Kingston City	8	2	2	4	11	17	8
Brimbank City	7	2	1	4	12	20	7
Brunswick City	7	2	1	4	9	21	7
South Springvale	7	2	1	4	7	21	7
Casey Comets	7	0	1	6	8	34	1

Boys S/E 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	4	4	0	0	20	6	12
Endeavour Utd	5	4	0	1	17	7	12
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	10	5	10
Springvale White Eagl	4	3	0	1	15	3	9
FC Bulleen Lions	5	2	2	1	13	10	8
Oakleigh	4	2	0	2	10	4	6
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Berwick City	5	1	0	4	7	13	3
Eastern Lions	5	0	1	4	2	23	1
Box Hill Inter	5	0	0	5	0	25	0

Boys S/E 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	5	5	0	0	15	4	15
FC Bulleen Lions	5	3	1	1	15	5	10
North Caulfield	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Monash City	5	3	1	1	13	6	10
Mornington	5	2	1	2	9	5	7
Dandenong City	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Knox City	5	1	1	3	3	6	4
Oakleigh	4	1	0	3	3	17	3
Dandenong Thunder	5	1	0	4	2	16	3
Berwick City	5	0	0	5	4	15	0

Boys S/E 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	5	4	1	0	12	2	13
Beaumaris	5	2	2	1	4	6	8
South Melbourne	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Peninsula Strikers JFC	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Oakleigh	4	2	1	1	9	12	7
Richmond	5	1	2	2	10	6	5
GSL	3	2	0	3	2	5	
Sandringham City	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Monash City	5	0	3	2	4	8	3
Box Hill Inter	5	0	1	4	3	11	1

Boys S/E 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	5	5	0	0	20	0	15
Berwick City	5	4	0	1	10	4	12
Monash City	5	4	0	1	8	3	12
FC Bulleen Lions	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Sandringham City	5	1	3	1	7	8	6
N.T.C	5	0	4	1	6	7	4
Brighton	5	1	1	3	7	12	4
Croydon City Arrows	5	1	1	3	6	13	4
GSL	5	0	3	2	7	11	3
Box Hill Inter	5	0	0	5	2	17	0

Boys N/W 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coburg Utd	4	4	0	0	14	5	12
Keilor Park	5	3	0	2	14	6	9
Fawkner	4	3	0	1	12	9	9
Hume Utd	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Green Gully	3	1	1	1	6	9	4
Preston Lions	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Cairnlea	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Melbourne Knights	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Sunshine Georgies	3	1	0	2	4	12	3

Boys N/W 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	4	4	0	0	18	2	12
Essendon Royals	4	3	0	1	15	5	9
Preston Lions	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
Keilor Park	4	2	0	2	8	13	6
Fawkner	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Sunshine Heights	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Altona Magic	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Ballarat Academy Of	4	1	0	3	2	17	3
Melbourne Knights	4	0	1	3	4	9	1

Boys N/W 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank	4	4	0	0	20	0	12
Whittlesea Zebras	5	2	2	1	4	7	8
Green Gully	4	2	1	1	8	8	7
Cairnlea	4	2	1	1	8	9	7
Brunswick City	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Essendon Royals	1	2	2	12	10	5	
Melbourne Knights	5	0	5	0	2	2	5
Coburg Utd	5	1	2	2	7	9	5
Keilor Park	5	1	1	3	6	11	4
Hume Utd	5	0	2	3	3	16	2

Boys N/W 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	4	4	0	0	8	3	12
Green Gully	4	3	1	0	10	5	10
Altona City	5	3	0	2	8	9	9
GRFA	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Bundoora Utd	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
Melbourne Knights	5	2	1	2	8	5	7
Light Utd	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Keilor Park	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
North City Lions	5	0	1	4	7	14	1
Brunswick Zebras	4	0	0	4	2	8	0

Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston Pines	5	4	1	0	16	4	13
Manningham	5	4	0	1	14	6	12
Cairnlea	4	4	0	0	10	5	12
Altona City	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
Richmond	5	2	1	2	12	7	7
Altona East	5	2	0	3	6	14	6
Doncaster Rovers	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Stonnington City	5	1	0	4	7	10	3
Knox City	5	0	1	4	5	18	1
Eastern Lions	5	0	0	5	4	13	0

Boys Metro 18 Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	5	4	1	0	27	11	13
Berwick City	5	3	1	1	16	5	10
Doveton	5	3	0	2	21	17	9
Keysborough	5	3	0	2	17	16	9
Mornington	5	3	0	2	19	19	9
Brighton	4	2	2	0	13	8	8
Baxter	5	2	0	3	20	14	6
Endeavour Utd	4	2	0	2	10	14	6
Sandringham City	5	0	0	5	4	15	0
Beaumaris	5	0	0	5	6	34	0

Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Zebras	5	5	0	0	14	9	15
Richmond	5	4	1	0	21	6	13
Heidelberg Utd	5	3	0	2	21	14	9
Preston Lions	4	3	0	1	9	7	9
Oakleigh	4	2	1	1	14	7	7
Altona Magic	5	2	0	3	9	10	6
DOC United FC	4	1	0	3	9	15	3
Sunshine Georgies	5	1	0	4	8	14	3
Bentleigh Greens	4	1	0	3	8	14	3
Westgate	5	0	0	5	6	23	0

Boys Metro 18 Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix JF	5	4	1	0	29	4	13
Bundoora Utd	4	3	1	0	20	8	10
Western Eagles	4	3	0	1	16	7	9
Light Utd	4	3	0	1	14	6	9
Northcote City	5	2	1	2	17	11	7
Essendon Royals	5	2	1	2	9	15	7
Lalor Utd	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
Ballarat & District SA	4	1	0	3	7	14

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Doveton	5	2	1	2	9	7	7	
East Bentleigh	5	2	1	2	8	10	7	
Sandringham City	5	1	0	4	3	17	3	
Baxter	5	0	0	5	1	19	0	

Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagle	5	5	0	0	22	6	15
Brighton	5	5	0	0	16	2	15
Peninsula Strikers JFC	5	3	0	2	14	5	9
Carrum Utd	5	2	0	3	9	11	6
Rosebud	5	2	0	3	13	18	6
Casey Comets	5	2	0	3	10	16	6
Beaumaris	5	1	0	4	6	13	3
Mornington	5	0	0	5	7	26	0

Boys South 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	5	5	0	0	16	6	15
Langwarrin	5	3	2	0	11	2	11
Endeavour Utd	5	3	1	1	14	6	10
Brighton	5	3	1	1	11	5	10
Lyndale Utd	5	2	1	2	15	9	7
Frankston Pines	5	1	0	4	6	14	3
Peninsula Strikers JFC	5	0	1	4	1	12	1
East Bentleigh	5	0	0	5	2	22	0

Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Eastern Piranhas	5	5	0	0	30	2	15
Sandringham City	5	4	0	1	18	6	12
Brighton	5	4	0	1	16	10	12
Mornington	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
Berwick City	5	2	0	3	14	12	6
GSL	5	2	0	3	7	16	6
Hampton	5	1	2	2	4	12	5
Peninsula Strikers JFC	5	0	3	2	2	8	3
Langwarrin	5	0	2	3	4	10	2
Bentleigh Greens	5	0	2	3	2	19	2

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Casey Comets	5	5	0	0	20	4	15
Melbourne Phoenix JF	5	4	1	0	23	1	13
Beaumaris	5	3	0	2	19	5	9
Southern Stars	5	3	0	2	12	11	9
Sandringham City	5	2	2	1	11	4	8
Berwick City	5	2	1	2	7	9	7
Hampton Park Utd	5	2	0	3	14	12	6
Langwarrin	5	2	0	3	8	22	6
Seaford Utd	5	0	0	5	3	19	0
Bentleigh Greens	5	0	0	5	3	33	0

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	4	4	0	0	30	0	12
Brighton	4	4	0	0	17	0	12
Hampton Park Utd	5	3	0	2	11	13	9
Beaumaris	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
Mornington	5	1	3	1	9	14	6
East Bentleigh	5	1	1	3	5	21	4
Langwarrin	5	0	3	2	4	13	3
Hampton	4	0	1	3	2	11	1
Sandringham City	4	0	1	3	2	13	1

Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	5	5	0	0	38	2	15
Doveton	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Keysborough	5	3	1	1	15	10	10
Carrum Utd	5	3	1	1	10	6	10
East Bentleigh	5	2	3	0	10	5	9
Lyndale Utd	5	2	2	1	11	12	8
Beaumaris	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Brighton	5	0	1	4	2	14	1
Berwick City	5	0	1	4	6	27	1
Baxter	5	0	0	5	1	19	0

Boys South 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Harrisfield Hurricanes	5	5	0	0	14	0	15
Baxter (Western Port)	5	4	0	1	31	9	12
Casey Panthers	5	4	0	1	20	5	12
Sandringham City	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
Beaumaris	5	3	0	2	15	9	9
Casey Comets	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Rosebud	3	0	2	1	3	9	2
Brighton	5	0	1	4	3	21	1
Seaford Utd	5	0	1	4	2	24	1
Peninsula Strikers JFC	4	0	0	4	3	20	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	5	4	1	0	27	5	13
Beaumaris	5	3	1	1	28	4	10
South East Piranhas	4	3	1	0	18	0	10
Dandenong City	3	0	2	1	18	17	9
Mornington	4	2	2	0	14	3	8
Bentleigh Greens	5	2	1	2	16	9	7
Endeavour Utd	4	0	0	4	1	24	0
Peninsula Strikers JFC	4	0	0	4	1	29	0
Kingston City	4	0	0	4	0	32	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagle	5	5	0	0	33	3	15
GSL	5	4	0	1	15	3	12
Sandringham City	5	4	0	1	18	9	12
Berwick City	5	4	0	1	12	5	12
Southern Stars	5	2	0	3	7	7	6
Brandon Park	5	2	0	3	10	15	6
Hampton	5	2	0	3	6	13	6
Langwarrin	5	1	0	4	7	16	3
Chelsea	5	1	0	4	4	30	3
Aspendale	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	5	5	0	0	24	1	15
Beaumaris	5	4	1	0	27	2	13
Brighton 1	5	3	1	1	8	2	10
Brighton 2	5	3	0	2	6	5	9
Hampton	5	2	0	3	4	12	6
Keysborough	5	1	0	4	7	16	3
Aspendale	5	1	0	4	1	28	3
Sandringham City	5	0	0	5	1	12	0

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Brighton	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Hampton Park Utd	5	4	0	1	19	5	12
Beaumaris	5	4	0	1	11	3	12
Peninsula Strikers JFC	5	1	1	3	2	11	4
Sandringham City	5	1	0	4	4	11	3
Baxter	5	0	1	4	0	5	1
Carrum Utd	5	0	0	5	1	18	0

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	5	4	0	1	23	3	12
Casey Comets	5	3	2	0	17	5	11
Berwick City	5	3	2	0	15	4	11
Mornington	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
Beaumaris	5	1	2	2	6	11	5
Seaford Utd	5	1	0	4	7	15	3
Brighton	4	0	2	2	2	14	2
Bentleigh Greens	4	0	0	4	0	21	0

Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Manningham	5	3	0	2	13	9	9
Nunawading City	4	3	0	1	10	6	9
Doncaster Rovers	4	3	0	1	9	8	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	5	3	0	2	11	13	9
Riversdale	5	2	1	2	8	6	7
FC Bulleen Lions	5	2	0	3	13	12	6
Clayton	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Oakleigh	4	1	0	3	9	13	3
Richmond	5	0	0	5	11	20	0

Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	4	4	0	0	27	6	12
Boronia	4	4	0	0	20	3	12
Casey Comets	5	4	0	1	26	11	12
Caulfield Utd	5	3	0	2	28	10	9
Hampton Park Utd	5	1	0	4	14	23	3
Glen Waverley	4	1	0	3	9	20	3
Manningham	4	1	0	3	2	23	3
Knox City	5	0	0	5	3	33	0

Boys East 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	5	5	0	0	21	9	15
Whitehorse	5	4	1	0	25	6	13
Mooroolbark	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Ashburton	5	3	0	2	12	10	9
Hampton	5	2	1	2	18	6	7
South Springvale	5	2	0	3	17	7	6
Croydon City Arrows	5	1	2	2	12	16	5
Mooroolbark	5	1	2	2	8	15	5
Clayton	5	0	1	4	1	19	1
Glen Eira	5	0	0	5	3	33	0

Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	5	5	0	0	11	0	15
Brandon Park	5	3	1	1	22	7	10
Boronia	5	3	1	1	13	8	10
FC Bulleen Lions	5	2	2	1	11	5	8
Eastern Lions	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Richmond	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
Manningham	5	2	0	3	4	10	6
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Glen Waverley	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Clayton	5	0	0	5	0	29	0

Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	5	4	1	0	22	4	13
Oakleigh	4	4	0	0	19	3	12
Richmond	4	3	0	1	17	6	9
Riversdale	5	2	1	2	13	9	7
Sherbrooke Rangers	5	2	1	2	5	14	7
North Caulfield	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	2	5	4	4
Caulfield Utd	5	0	2	3	5	15	2
Manningham	4	0	1	3	3	13	1
Boronia	4	0	1	3	2	22	1

Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	4	4	0	0	15	0	12
Mooroolbark	5	3	1	1	6	6	10
Ashburton 1	4	3	0	1	23	3	9
Brandon Park	4	2	2	0	6	0	8
Ringwood City	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Glen Waverley	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
North Caulfield	4	0	2	2	2	10	2
Boroondara Lions	5	0	2	3	4	20	2
Ashburton 2	5	0	0	5	6	24	0

Boys East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	5	5	0	0	37	0	15
Whitehorse	5	3	2	0	18	1	11
North Caulfield	4	3	0	1	9	10	9
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	2	0	8	2	8
Casey Comets	5	1	2	2	7	10	5
FC Bulleen Lions	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
Glen Waverley	5	1	1	3	4	19	4
Manningham	5	1	1	3	3	22	4
Brandon Park	5	1	0	4	3	9	3
Waverley Wanderers	5	0	2	3	0	13	2

Boys East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City	5	5	0	0	17	3	15
Riversdale	5	4	1	0	14	4	13
Eastern Lions	5	3	0	2	10	9	9
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	0	2	8	4	6
Knox City	4	1	3	0	10	8	6
Ringwood City	4	2	0	2	7	12	6
Noble Park	5	1	1	3	8	9	4
North Caulfield	4	1	1	2	5	10	4
Glen Waverley	5	1	0	4	4	9	3
Croydon City Arrows	5	0	0	5	3	18	0

Boys East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix JF	5	5	0	0	54	1	15
Whitehorse	5	5	0	0	25	1	15
Boronia	5	4	0	1	19	12	12
Richmond	4	2	0	2	13	7	6
Mooroolbark	5	1	0	4	5	18	3
Heidelberg Utd	4	1	0	3	4	18	3
Doncaster Rovers	3	0	0	3	0	26	0
Caulfield Utd	5	0	0	5	2	39	0

Boys East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	5	4	1	0	30	5	13
Stonnington City	5	3	1	1	21	7	10
Riversdale	5	3	1	1	15	8	10
Richmond	5	3	0	2	25	6	9
Boroondara Lions	5	2	2	1	20	7	8
Ringwood City	5	2	1	2	12	7	7
Glen Eira	4	2	1	1	10	9	7
East Bentleigh	5	1	0	4	5	21	3
Croydon City Arrows	4	0	1	3	2	24	1
Mooroolbark	5	0	0	5	0	46	0

Boys East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	5	5	0	0	28	2	15
Oakleigh	4	3	1	0	12	5	10
North Caulfield	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Glen Waverley	5	2	1	2	8	9	7
Riversdale	4	2	1	1	7	14	7
Mooroolbark	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
South Melbourne	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Nunawading City	4	1	0	3	3	13	3
Boronia	5	0	1	4	7	16	1

Boys East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	5	4	0	1	17	3	12
FC Bulleen Lions	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
Avondale Heights	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Knox City	5	2	0	3	4	7	6
Ashburton	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Clayton	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Glen Eira	4	0	0	4	3	19	0

Boys East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Lions	5	4	0	1	13	4	12
Manningham	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
Ringwood City	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
FC Bulleen Lions	5	3	0	2	13	5	9
North Caulfield	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Boronia	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Brunswick City	4	1	0	3	3	14	3
Springvale City	5	1	0	4	7	22	3
Caulfield Utd	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

Boys East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox Utd	5	5	0	0	25	4	15
Eastern Lions	5	5	0	0	9	2	15
Clifton Hill	5	4	0	1	14	5	12
Brandon Park	5	3	0	2	14	4	9
Glen Eira	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
Monash City	5	1	1	3	5	11	4
Glen Waverley	5	1	0	4	5	13	3
Ashburton	5	1	0	4	2	13	3
Richmond	5	1	0	4	5	19	3
Riversdale	5	0	2	3	1	9	2

Boys East 13 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Chelsea	5	4	0	1	18	4	12
Waverley Wanderers	5	3	1	1	18	4	10
Croydon City Arrows	5	3	1	1	7	2	10
Oakleigh	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Ringwood City	4	2	1	1	5	7	7
Knox Utd	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
Manningham	5	0	2	3	6	12	2
Mooroolbark	5	0	0	5	2	23	0

Boys East 13 F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	5	5	0	0	28	1	15
Whitehorse	4	4	0	0	22	2	12
Richmond	5	3	1	1	14	7	10
Stonnington City	5	2	0	3	12	12	6
Rowville Eagles	5	1	2	2	8	17	5
South Springvale	5	1	0	4	7	18	3
North Caulfield	4	0	2	2	4	14	2
Eastern Lions	5	0	1	4	2	26	1

Boys East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	5	4	0	1	20	2	12
South Melbourne	4	4	0	0	13	0	12
Richmond	5	3	1	1	25	8	10
FC Bulleen Lions	5	3	0	2	5	3	9
North Caulfield	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Knox City	5	2	1	2	5	4	7
Monash City	4	2	0	2	5	10	6
Riversdale	5	1	0	4	5	11	3
Oakleigh	4	0	1	3	0	16	1
Ashburton	5	0	0	5	0	27	0

Boys East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	4	3	1	0	15	2	10
Box Hill Inter	5	3	1	1	17	6	10
Richmond	4	3	0	1	11	3	9
FC Bulleen Lions	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Springvale City	4	2	0	2	3	8	6
Oakleigh	4	1	1	2	4	11	4
Clayton	5	1	1	3	1	8	4
Glen Waverley	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Manningham	5	0	2	3	2	14	2

Boys East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	4	4	0	0	20	3	12
South Springvale	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
Sherbrooke Rangers	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
FC Bulleen Lions	5	3	0	2	14	8	9
Richmond	4	2	2	0	17	4	8
Lalor	5	1	2	2	11	12	5
Glen Waverley	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
North Caulfield	4	1	0	3	3	5	3
Glen Eira	4	0	2	2	3	9	2
Mooroolbark	5	0	0	5	1	35	0

Boys East 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	5	5	0	0	9	1	15
Avondale Heights	5	4	0	1	15	7	12
Croydon City Arrows	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Boronia	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
Boroondara Lions	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
Eastern Lions	5	1	1	3	9	14	4
Riversdale	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
Ashburton	5	0	0	5	3	12	0

Boys East 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croydon City Arrows	5	3	1	1	9	7	10
Whitehorse	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Eastern Lions	4	2	2	0	6	3	8
Boroondara Lions	3	2	0	1	12	2	6
North Caulfield	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Richmond	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Ashburton	5	1	0	4	1	13	3
Ringwood City	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

Boys East 12 F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clifton Hill	4	4	0	0	33	0	12
Knox City	5	4	0	1	24	9	12
Doncaster Rovers	3	3	0	0	9	4	9
Ashburton	4	1	1	2	7	25	4
Glen Waverley	4	1	0	3	8	15	3
Croydon City Arrows	4	0	1	3	4	20	1
Boronia	4	0	0	4	2	14	0

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Richmond	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Croydon City Arrows	5	3	0	2	4	4	9
Box Hill Inter	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Oakleigh	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Ashburton	5	1	1	3	4	6	4
Caulfield Utd	4	0	1	3	1	8	1
FC Bulleen Lions	5	0	1	4	3	13	1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	5	4	1	0	15	2	13
South Melbourne	4	3	1	0	18	3	10
Whitehorse	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Richmond	5	2	1	2	9	12	7
Oakleigh	4	1	2	1	7	7	5
Knox Utd	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
North Caulfield	3	1	0	2	6	6	3
Riversdale	4	1	0	3	3	18	3
Mooroolbark	4	0	1	3	2	13	1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	5	4	1	0	26	2	13
Monash City	5	4	1	0	24	1	13
FC Bulleen Lions	5	3	2	0	16	2	11
Manningham	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Eastern Lions	4	2	0	2	13	8	6
Ashburton	5	2	0	3	7	10	6
South Yarra	5	2	0	3	7	18	6
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Boroondara Lions	5	1	0	4	5	21	3
Stonnington City	5	0	0	5	0	33	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	5	5	0	0	23	2	15
East Bentleigh	4	4	0	0	25	0	12
Doncaster Rovers	4	4	0	0	7	1	12
Knox Utd	5	2	2	1	9	4	8
Croydon City Arrows	4	2	0	2	14	11	6
Whitehorse	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Sherbrooke Rangers	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
FC Bulleen Lions	5	1	1	3	5	16	4
Glen Waverley	5	0	0	5	1	13	0
Boronia	5	0	0	5	1	32	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	4	4	0	0	15	0	12
Waverley Wanderers	4	3	0	1	24	3	9
Ringwood City	3	3	0	0	18	0	9
Knox City	4	3	0	1	18	2	9
Whitehorse	4	3	0	1	12	4	9
North Caulfield	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Riversdale	5	1	0	4	8	22	3
Richmond	5	0	0	5	3	31	0
Mooroolbark	5	0	0	5	0	38	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	5	5	0	0	24	3	15
Whitehorse	5	4	1	0	8	1	13
Ashburton	5	3	1	1	7	6	10
Glen Waverley	5	3	1	1	6	7	10
Boroondara Lions	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Oakleigh	5	3	1	1	6	7	10
East Bentleigh	5	1	0	4	9	15	3
Richmond	4	0	0	4	2	8	0
North Caulfield	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

Boys North 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	5	4	0	1	11	5	12
Heidelberg Stars	5	3	1	1	20	7	10
Northcote City	5	3	0	2	13	14	9
Bundoora Utd	3	2	1	0	10	5

INTER LEAVE IT LATE

Madrid, PSV, Celtic secure consecutive titles

The Serie A title was finally decided last weekend when Internationale Milan defeated Parma 2-0 on the final day of the season.

Inter striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, playing his first game in a month after returning from a knee injury, was the hero as his double eventually sealed the victory which saw them finish three points ahead of AS Roma who drew 1-1 at Catania.

Inter had been threatening to secure their third Scudetto in a row and 16th in total for several weeks; however the Milanese side had struck a poor patch of form heading into their final fixtures.

The side had seen their 11 point lead at the top of the table in February reduced to one point, with Roberto Mancini's side failing to wrap-up the title in the previous two weekends before the penultimate day of the season.

Inter knew that a victory would be enough to see off the title challenge from Roma, however they were cautious of the fact that a slip up could see the trophy they had had their hands on for several months, easily snatched from their grasp.

Inter's late form collapse was initiated by a 2-0 loss at the hands of Liverpool in the Champions League in February, and the Nerazzurri failed to win their next three league matches against Sampdoria, Roma and Napoli.

Although recovering slightly in early March, later that same month the side again went without a win in three matches against Genoa, Juventus and Lazio.

As early as May 4th Inter had the chance to finally wrap up the campaign, but the side's attempt to win against fierce city rivals AC Milan proved futile, Mancini's side suffering a 2-1 loss.

Inter again had the chance to secure their third consecutive Scudetto the following week, but the side could only manage a 2-2 home draw against mid-table Siena.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice in the 2-0 win against Parma to secure Inter Milan's third Scudetto in a row.

A festive and expectant crowd had filled the San Siro in anticipation for the title decider, but they watched their side twice surrender their lead and witnessed Marco Materazzi fail to convert a late penalty.

The same weekend Roma did the job away to Atalanta; a 2-1 victory shot them to within one point of Internationale, heading into the decisive round of the Championship.

But although they had flirted dangerously with defeat, the San Siro was the scene of victorious celebrations last Sunday as Inter were presented with the Serie A trophy after returning from the match at Parma, later than night.

In Spain, the title race has been somewhat less dramatic, with Real Madrid defending their La Liga title well before last weekend's final fixtures.

The Los Blancos finished eight points clear of second placed Villarreal and celebrated their final match of the season in style by demolishing relegated side Levate 5-2 at the Bernabeu.

The emphatic victory was yet another resounding defeat the Madristas have inflicted on their opposition since securing the title back on May 4th with a 2-1 away victory over Osasuna.

Five days after they secured their second consecutive La Liga title and 31st in total, Madrid celebrated by smashing fierce rivals Barcelona 4-1 in front of a packed and partying Bernabeu.

Madrid's surge towards the title saw them go undefeated in their last eight matches, and the combination of Raul's 18, Ruud van Nistelrooy's 16 and Robino's 11 goals for the season capped a fantastic season in the Spanish capital.

From Spain to Scotland and Celtic secured their third consecutive title last Thursday, as they defeated Dundee United 1-0 and Rangers lost 2-0 to Aberdeen.

Heading into the final fixtures of the season equal on points, Celtic held the advantage via a superior goal difference and came up with the goods to beat their cross-town rivals to the trophy.

Rangers failed to bounce back from their European defeat against Zenit St Petersburg, and the Gers will be supremely disappointed at their late season collapse which has seen them lose two trophies in the space of two weeks, and miss out on the chance to claim a unique treble.

Their disappointment was lifted slightly this weekend when they claimed the Scottish Cup with a 3-2 victory over Queen of the South.

In Holland, PSV wrapped up their fourth consecutive Eredivise title by finishing three points clear of rivals Ajax Amsterdam .

Their 21st title was secured via a final day 1-0 victory over Vitesse Arnhem and sealed automatic qualification into next season's UEFA Champions League.

European Wrap - Part 2

By Julius Ross

Gossip and Transfer Speculation from the English Media...

Sir Alex To Quit In Three

Sir Alex Ferguson will quit as Manchester United manager within three years, he told The Mail on Sunday newspaper.

Ferguson, who has been in charge at Old Trafford since 1986, said he would be gone by the time he reaches 70 in December 2011.

The 66-year-old, who guided the English Premier League champions to the Champions League title on Wednesday, said: "I won't be managing here any more than three years at the very, very most. Without question. I can assure you of that."

The Scot reneged on his original plan to retire six years ago.

"My wife, Cathy, was the one who talked me out of retiring last time but she wouldn't do that now," he said.

"It's when you have to think about time for yourself. I think my wife deserves a bit of my time, too."

Ferguson said he had no immediate plans to vacate the manager's chair.

"I know I would find it hard to give up managing United," he said.

"I can't do it, not at the moment anyway."

Gers Boss Hails Players

Walter Smith hailed his weary Rangers players after their Scottish Cup triumph on Saturday put some gloss on a disappointing end to their season.

The Ibrox side won 3-2 against First Division side Queen of the South at Hampden to complete a domestic cup double - after their League Cup success in March.

Only 10 days previously Rangers had been bidding for an historic quadruple trophy haul but, after losing the UEFA Cup Final to Zenit St Petersburg on May 14, Celtic pipped them to the Scottish Premier League title on Thursday.

And after a hectic end to the season - which saw them play five games in 10 days - Smith was relieved his players' efforts were rewarded with some more silverware.

The Rangers boss said: "After the disappointments of the last 10 days I always knew it was going to be a hard game on Saturday.

"I'm delighted for each and everyone of the players after their efforts this season. They deserved something at the end of the campaign, although I'm sure Gordon Strachan will believe his Celtic team deserved to win the league."

New Dawn For Ireland

Andy Keogh's goal marked the beginning of what Irish fans hope will be a renaissance in fortunes under new coach Giovanni Trapattoni following their 1-1 draw with Serbia on Saturday night.

There was not a lot for the faithful to cheer about at Croke Park however.

The Italian's new era was marked by a selection which included debutantes Glenn Whelan in midfield and Damien Delaney at left back.

Trapattoni's influence was obvious from the start as the generally direct style traditionally deployed by the Irish was nowhere in evidence. Instead the ball was worked along the deck from the back with balls into the strikers' feet in attack.

After a dull opening in which Serbia looked more comfortable with the benefit of an extra man in midfield, Robbie Keane came close to opening the scoring.

Damien Duff created space for himself to sweep in a cross which Vladimir Stojkovic flapped at. The the ball fell to Keane but Slobodan Rajkovic swept the ball off the line.

Stefan Babovic then had two opportunities at the other end.

Grant Sacked

Avram Grant was sacked as manager of Chelsea on Saturday after less than one season in charge and in the immediate aftermath of the club's heartbreaking Champions League final defeat.

Grant's future at the English Premier League giants has attracted fierce speculation almost from the time he inherited the Stamford Bridge reins from Jose Mourinho eight months ago.

And just three days after his side came off second best in a penalty shoot-out to Manchester United in the Champions League final in Moscow the 53-year-old Israeli's tenure is now at an end.

Names in the frame to succeed the Israeli include Barcelona's Frank Rijkaard, Inter Milan coach Roberto Mancini, Russia's Dutch boss Guus Hiddink and Manchester City coach, and former England boss, Sven-Goran Eriksson..

Despite the constant questioning of his position Grant, a close friend of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich, had been credited with leading the club to their first ever Champions League final.

He also oversaw their late surge for the league title, taking United down to the final day of the season before they were forced to settle for second place.

The club announced the sacking in a statement on their official website.

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